

## AAR Virtual Annual Meeting Program (All times listed in EST (UTC-5))

**Sunday, November 29**

**A29-101**

**Theological Education Committee Meeting**

Sunday, November 29, 10:00 AM-12:00 PM

Laurel C. Schneider, Vanderbilt University, Presiding

**A29-100**

**International Connections Committee Meeting**

Sunday, November 29, 10:00 AM-1:00 PM

Olga Kazmina, Moscow State University, Presiding

**A29-203**

**Regions Committee Meeting**

Sunday, November 29, 12:00 PM-1:30 PM

Katherine Downey, American Academy of Religion, Presiding

**A29-200**

**Academic Labor and Contingent Faculty Committee Meeting:**

Sunday, November 29, 12:00 PM-3:00 PM

Edwin David Aponte, Louisville Institute, and Kerry Danner, Georgetown University, Presiding

**A29-201**

**Academic Relations Committee Meeting**

Sunday, November 29, 12:00 PM-3:00 PM

Susan E. Hill, University of Northern Iowa, Presiding

**A29-202**

**Public Understanding of Religion Committee Meeting**

Sunday, November 29, 12:00 PM-3:00 PM

Evan Berry, Arizona State University, Presiding

**A29-204**

**Status of LGBTIQ Persons in the Profession Committee Meeting**

Sunday, November 29, 12:00 PM-3:00 PM

Mary E. Hunt, Women's Alliance for Theology, Ethics, and Ritual, Presiding

**A29-207**

**Graduate Student Committee Meeting**

Sunday, November 29, 1:00 PM-3:00 PM

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Aarti Patel, Syracuse University, Presiding

### **A29-208**

#### **Motherhood and Religion Workshop: A Comparative, Interdisciplinary, Matricentric Feminist Approach**

Sunday, November 29, 1:00 PM-4:00 PM

Pascale Engelmaier, Carroll University, Presiding

Florence Pasche Guignard, Other, Presiding

### **A29-206**

#### **Public Scholarship and Practical Impacts Workshop: Media Training and Work Outside the Academy**

Sunday, November 29, 1:00 PM-5:00 PM

Cristine Hutchison-Jones, Harvard University, Presiding

#### **Panelists:**

Brad Braxton, St. Luke's School

### **A29-209**

#### **Pandemic Rituals Workshop**

Sunday, November 29, 1:30 PM-5:30 PM

Sarah M. Pike, California State University, Chico, Presiding

#### **Panelists:**

Sarah M. Pike, California State University, Chico

Ronald L. Grimes, Wilfrid Laurier University

Barry Stephenson, Memorial University

Marika Moisseff, The French National Centre for Scientific Research

(CNRS)/Laboratoire d'anthropologie sociale, Université Paris Sciences & Lettres

Tyson Herberger, Inland Norway University

### **A29-211**

#### **Reading Religion Editorial Board Meeting**

Sunday, November 29, 2:00 PM-3:00 PM

Kimberly Davis, American Academy of Religion, Presiding

### **A29-212**

#### **Regional Officers Meeting**

Sunday, November 29, 2:00 PM-3:00 PM

Katherine Downey, American Academy of Religion, Presiding

### **A29-210**

#### **Centers for Religion and Public Life Workshop: Continuing Collaborations**

Sunday, November 29, 2:00 PM-5:00 PM

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Andrew Davies, University of Birmingham, Presiding

### **A29-301**

#### **Teaching and Learning Committee Meeting**

Sunday, November 29, 3:00 PM-5:00 PM

Brian K. Pennington, Elon University, Presiding

### **A29-300**

#### **Status of Racial and Ethnic Minorities in the Profession Committee Meeting**

Theme: **Business Meeting:**

Sunday, November 29, 3:00 PM-6:00 PM

Munir Jiwa, Graduate Theological Union, Presiding

### **A29-302**

#### **AAAS/DoSER Racism and Anti-Racism in Science and Theology**

Sunday, November 29, 3:30 PM-5:00 PM

Laurel C. Schneider, Vanderbilt University, Presiding

#### **Panelists:**

Curtis Baxter, American Association for the Advancement of Science

John Slattery, American Association for the Advancement of Science

### **A29-303**

#### **Publications Committee Meeting**

Sunday, November 29, 4:00 PM-6:00 PM

Timothy Beal, Case Western Reserve University, Presiding

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Monday, November 30

### A30-100

**Arts, Literature, and Religion Unit and Chinese Religions Unit and Daoist Studies Unit**

Theme: **Bodies Divine: Art, Agency, and Body in Daoist and Buddhist Images**

Monday, November 30, 9:00 AM-10:30 AM

Aaron Reich, Saint Joseph's University, Presiding

- Megan Bryson, University of Tennessee  
*Ritual Assemblages: Esoteric Bodies and the Problem of Agency*
- Michael Naparstek, University of Wisconsin  
*About Face: The Body Multiple and Icon Agency in Zhou Jichang's 周季常 (fl. 12th c.)  
"Lohan Manifesting Himself as Eleven-Headed Guanyin"*
- Ziyun Liu, University of Wisconsin, Madison  
*Truth of Daoist Visualization: Transforming Inner Alchemical Vision into Landscape  
Painting in Huang Gongwang's 黄公望 (1269-1354) \*Nine Peaks After Snow\**

#### **Responding:**

Noelle Giuffrida, Ball State University

### A30-101

**American Academy of Religion**

Theme: **New Members' Welcome and Virtual Annual Meeting Orientation**

Monday, November 30, 9:45 AM-10:45 AM

Matt Vieson, American Academy of Religion, Presiding

Robert Puckett, American Academy of Religion, Presiding

### A30-102

**Academic Labor and Contingent Faculty Committee**

Theme: **Breaking the Guild Open**

Monday, November 30, 11:00 AM-1:00 PM

James Dennis LoRusso, Georgia State University, Presiding

#### **Panelists:**

Joerg Rieger, Vanderbilt University

### A30-104

**Bonhoeffer: Theology and Social Analysis Unit**

Theme: **Bonhoeffer's Ethics**

Monday, November 30, 11:00 AM-1:00 PM

Clifford Green, Union Theological Seminary, New York, Presiding

- Koert Verhagen, University of St Andrews  
*"Confessing its Dangerous Concessions": Bonhoeffer's Problematization of the Sacred  
Autonomy of the Church*
- Derek Taylor, Whitworth University

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*Resistance Beyond the Two Kingdoms: Can Bonhoeffer's Theology of Resistance Speak Today?*

- Karola Radler, Stellenbosch University  
*Navigating a Road Through Law, Faith, and Justice*
- William Boyce, University of Virginia  
*The Unnatural in Bonhoeffer's \_Ethics\_*

### **A30-105**

#### **Religion and Ecology Unit**

Theme: **Joanna Macy and the Work of Our Time (Shambhala, 2020)**

Monday, November 30, 11:00 AM-1:00 PM

Christopher Ives, Stonehill College, Presiding

#### **Panelists:**

Judith Simmer-Brown, Naropa University

William Edelglass, Barre Center for Buddhist Studies, Marlboro College

Rebecca Kneale Gould, Middlebury College

Ruben L. F. Habito, Southern Methodist University

#### **Responding:**

Stephanie Kaza, University of Vermont

#### **Business Meeting:**

Hsiao-Lan Hu, University of Detroit Mercy, Presiding

Sid Brown, University of the South, Presiding

### **A30-106**

#### **Contemporary Pagan Studies Unit and History of Christianity Unit and Religion in Premodern Europe and the Mediterranean Unit**

Theme: **Author Meets Critics: Celebrating Ronald Hutton's Contribution to the Academic Study of Religion**

Monday, November 30, 11:00 AM-1:00 PM

David Frankfurter, Boston University, Presiding

#### **Panelists:**

Michael Ostling, Arizona State University

Sabina Magliocco, University of British Columbia

Alexis S. Wells-Oghoghomeh, Vanderbilt University

Chris Miller, University of Waterloo

Laurel Zwissler, Central Michigan University

#### **Responding:**

Ronald Hutton, University of Bristol

### **A30-107**

#### **Theology and Religious Reflection Unit**

Theme: **Accountability as a Theological Virtue**

Monday, November 30, 11:00 AM-1:00 PM

Aaron Griffith, Sattler College, Presiding

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- C. Stephen Evans, Baylor University  
*Accountability and the Fear of the Lord*
- Andrew Torrance, University of St. Andrews  
*A Baptismal Theology of Accountability*
- Brendan Case, Duke University  
*"The Doers of the Law Will Be Justified": Resolving a Pauline Dilemma*

### **Responding:**

Joanna Leidenhag, University of St Andrews

### **A30-108**

#### **Hinduism Unit**

Theme: **New Books in Hindu Studies**

Monday, November 30, 11:00 AM-1:00 PM

Harshita Mruthinti Kamath, Emory University, Presiding

#### **Panelists:**

Marko Geslani, University of South Carolina

Hamsa Stainton, McGill University

Tulasi Srinivas, Emerson College

Deonnie Moodie, University of Oklahoma

### **A30-109**

#### **Innovations in Chaplaincy and Spiritual Care Unit**

Theme: **Movement Chaplaincy**

Monday, November 30, 11:00 AM-1:00 PM

Micky Scottbey Jones, Faith Matters Network, Presiding

#### **Panelists:**

Hilary Allen,

Jennifer Bailey, Faith Matters Network

#### **Responding:**

Aly Benitez, Faith Matters Network

Kirstin Boswell Ford, University of Chicago

#### **Business Meeting:**

Wendy Cadge, Brandeis University, Presiding

Michael Skaggs, Brandeis University, Presiding

### **A30-110**

#### **North American Religions Unit**

Theme: **Blackness, Indigeneity, and the Arts in North American Religions**

Monday, November 30, 11:00 AM-1:00 PM

Samira Mehta, University of Colorado Boulder, Presiding

- Justine Bakker, Rice University  
*Blue Humanities, Blue Religion*
- Meaghan Weatherdon, University of Toronto

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*From Discovery Park to Pimisi Station: Public Art and the Spiritual Politics of Commemorating Colonial Violence and Indigenous Survivance in the City*

- Janan Graham, Harvard University  
*Cuts and Crossroads: Religio-Horror, Secularism, and the 'Supernatural' in Black Cinema*

### **Responding:**

Yvonne Chireau, Swarthmore College

Kathleen Holscher, University of New Mexico

### **A30-111**

#### **Psychology, Culture, and Religion Unit**

**Theme: Two Decades in the Spotlight: Psychological, Cultural, and Religious Impact of Public Awareness of Clergy Sexual Abuse**

Monday, November 30, 11:00 AM-1:00 PM

Lisa M. Cataldo, Fordham University, Presiding

- Ahyun Lee, Wesley Seminary, Indiana Wesleyan University  
*Psychological, Cultural, and Religious Impact of Public Awareness of Clergy Sexual Abuse: Navigating Cultural Differences that Make a Difference*
- Kathleen McPhillips, University of Newcastle, Australia  
*Unbearable Knowledge: Cultural Trauma and Institutional Child Sexual Abuse.*

### **Responding:**

Walter Robinson, Boston Globe

Mary Gail Frawley-O'Dea, Presbyterian Psychological Services

### **Business Meeting:**

Eileen Campbell-Reed, Union Theological Seminary, NYC, Presiding

Lisa M. Cataldo, Fordham University, Presiding

### **A30-112**

#### **Religion and Disability Studies Unit**

**Theme: 25 Years On: Re-Imagining, Expanding, Enriching Nancy Eiesland's "The Disabled God" (Abingdon Press, 1994)**

Monday, November 30, 11:00 AM-1:00 PM

David Scott, Iliff School of Theology, Presiding

- Stephanie Addenbrooke Bean, Yale University  
*This Body Executed for You: The Crucifixion of Jesus and the Murder of People with Disabilities*
- Lisa Hancock, Southern Methodist University  
*Moving Beyond \*The Disabled God\*: Christology in Disability Theology*
- Lisa Powell, St. Ambrose University  
*Queer Crip Christology*
- Miriam Spies, Emmanuel College  
*Liturgical Imagination: Leadership of Ministers with Disabilities*

### **Responding:**

Mary Jo Iozzio, Boston College

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### **A30-115**

#### **Religions, Borders, and Immigration Seminar**

Theme: **Interreligious Reflections on Forced Migration: Memories, Histories, and Willful Ignorance**

Monday, November 30, 11:00 AM-1:00 PM

Loye Ashton, Aoyama Gakuin University, Presiding

- Kaia D. S. Ronsdal, University of Oslo  
*Borderland Religion and A World of Neighbours*
- Victoria Perez, University of Southern California  
*Borderland Religiosity: The Subversive Religion of Immigrant Communities*
- Bryan Ellrod, Emory University  
*The Bones in the Sonoran: Law, Violence, and the Political Afterlife of the Dead*
- Helen Boursier, College of Saint Scholastica  
*Examining the Role of Willful Ignorance and the Christian Church's Silence on the Human Rights Violations at the US-Mexico Border*

#### **Responding:**

Mary Beth Yount, Neumann University

Silas Allard, Emory University

Michael Canaris, Loyola University, Chicago

Kirsteen Kim, Fuller Theological Seminary

#### **Business Meeting:**

Kristine Suna-Koro, Xavier University, Presiding

### **A30-113**

#### **Sacred Texts, Theory, and Theological Construction Unit**

Theme: **Book Review Panel, John J. Thatamanil's Circling the Elephant: A Comparative Theology of Religious Diversity (Fordham University Press, 2020)**

Monday, November 30, 11:00 AM-1:00 PM

Jacob Erickson, Trinity College, Dublin, Presiding

#### **Panelists:**

S. Mark Heim, Yale University

Michelle Voss Roberts, Emmanuel College, Toronto

Anant Rambachan, Saint Olaf College

Catherine Keller, Drew University

#### **Responding:**

John Thatamanil, Union Theological Seminary

### **A30-103**

#### **Status of Women in the Profession Committee**

Theme: **Self-Promotion, Collective Promotion**

Monday, November 30, 11:00 AM-1:00 PM

Kathryn Phillips, University of California, Riverside, Presiding

#### **Panelists:**

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Nyasha Junior, Temple University  
Kimberly Majeski, Anderson University  
Elizabeth Bucar, Northeastern University  
Tammy Ho, University of California, Riverside  
Rebecca Alpert, Temple University  
Boyung Lee, Iliff School of Theology

### **A30-114**

#### **Tillich: Issues in Theology, Religion, and Culture Unit**

Theme: **Tillich and Health**

Monday, November 30, 11:00 AM-1:00 PM

Devan Stahl, Baylor University, Presiding

- Kirk MacGregor, McPherson College  
*Tillichian Courage as Theologically Foundational to the Treatment of Obsessive-Compulsive Disorder*
- Taylor Thomas, Boston University School of Theology  
*A Tillichian Analysis on Substance Abuse*
- Katharina Opalka, Evangelische Theologie; Rheinische Friedrich-Wilhelms-Universität Bonn  
*"New Being" After Crisis: Paul Tillich's Contribution to Current Research on Resilience*

#### **Business Meeting:**

Bryan Wagoner, Davis and Elkins College, Presiding

### **A30-200**

#### **Cognitive Science of Religion Unit and SBL Mind, Society, and Religion: Cognitive Science Approaches to the Biblical World Unit**

Theme: **Cultural Evolution and Cognitive Historiography**

Monday, November 30, 1:00 PM-3:00 PM

Rikard Roitto, Stockholm School of Theology, Presiding

- Hillary Lenfesty, Arizona State University  
*The Cultural Evolution of Early Christianity via Prestige-Biased Transmission of Cooperative Norms*
- Petri Luomanen, University of Helsinki  
*Cultural-Evolutionary Analysis of the Reception of the Gospels of Luke and John*
- Ronit Nikolsky, Rijksuniversiteit Groningen  
*The Rise of Rabbinic Judaism in Light of Cognitive and Cultural Evolution*
- Colleen Shantz, University of Toronto  
*Constructing Heaven: The Cultural Adaptation of Afterlife Belief*
- Jarkko Vikman, University of Helsinki  
*Mister Worldwide? Areal Prominence in the Prestige of Ephesian Religious*

### **A30-201**

As of September 21. All sessions subject to change.

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### African Religions Unit

Theme: **Public, Political and Material Religions in Contemporary West Africa**

Monday, November 30, 1:45 PM-3:15 PM

David Amponsah, University of Pennsylvania, Presiding

- Emily Stratton, Indiana University  
*Jesus in the Apple Icon: Vehicle Decals and Ecologies of Value in Urban Ghana*
- James Kwateng-Yeboah, Queen's University  
*Framing Debates About Homosexuality in Ghana (2006-2018): The Multiple Modernities Paradigm?*
- Justice Anquandah Arthur, Pentecost University College  
*Religion in Public Spheres: Exploring Religious Education and Religious Diversity in Public Schools in Ghana*
- Thomas Seat, Princeton Theological Seminary  
*Theorizing the Local and the Global of Religion in the Niger Delta: A Pragmatic Account*

### A30-202

#### Buddhism Unit

Theme: **New Work in Buddhist Studies**

Monday, November 30, 1:45 PM-3:15 PM

Reiko Ohnuma, Dartmouth College, Presiding

- Jeff Schroeder, University of Oregon  
*Is Buddhism Democratic? Discourse from Postwar Japan*
- Kati Fitzgerald, Ohio State University  
*No Pure Lands: Theological Understandings of Impurity from the Perspective of Tibetan Lay Women*
- Gilbert Chen, Towson University  
*The "Lustful Nun": Sexual Transgression Committed by Buddhist Nuns in Nineteenth-Century Chongqing*
- Lang Chen, University of Michigan  
*Repressed Modern Buddhism? Gong Zizhen (1792 - 1841)'s Buddhist Thoughts and Praxis*

### A30-203

#### Christian Spirituality Unit

Theme: **Spiritual Dimensions of Memory**

Monday, November 30, 1:45 PM-3:15 PM

Jessica Smith,, Presiding

- Nathan White, Institute for Faith and Resilience  
*Dangerous Memory? TBI, PTSD, and the Nature of Forgetfulness and Remembrance in Paul Ricoeur's Thought*
- Michelle Marvin, University of Notre Dame  
*Writing as a Spiritual Practice for those with Alzheimer's Disease*

#### Business Meeting:

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Beringia Zen, Saint Agnes Medical Center, Presiding  
Margaret Benefiel, Shalem Institute For Spiritual Formation, Presiding

### A30-204

#### Comparative Theology Unit

Theme: **Jewish-Christian Comparative Theology: Engaging Ideas of Divinity, Love, and Eschatology**

Monday, November 30, 1:45 PM-3:15 PM

Kristin Johnston Largen, United Lutheran Seminary, Presiding

- Alan Brill, Seton Hall University  
*A Jewish Understanding of the Trinity*
- Devorah Schoenfeld, Loyola University, Chicago  
*Can God love All of Us? Reading Origen's Song of Songs Commentary from a Jewish Theological Perspective*
- Matthew Tapie, Saint Leo University  
*A Thomistic Reflection on the Biblical Eschatology of Nahmanides*
- David Maayan, Boston College  
*Hermeneutic Hope in Judaism and Christianity*

### A30-205

#### Critical Theory and Discourses on Religion Unit and Sociology of Religion Unit and Critical Research on Religion

Theme: **Bringing Back the Social into the Sociology of Religion (and Religious Studies) (Haymarket Books, 2019)**

Monday, November 30, 1:45 PM-3:15 PM

Rebecca Catto, Kent State University, Presiding

#### Panelists:

Sean McCloud, University of North Carolina At Charlotte

Katja Rakow, Utrecht University

J.P. Reed, Southern Illinois University, Carbondale

Fareen Parvez, University of Massachusetts

#### Responding:

Veronique Altglas, University of Cambridge

### A30-215

#### Exploratory Sessions

Theme: **A Public-Focused Religious Studies**

Monday, November 30, 1:45 PM-3:15 PM

Sandra L. Gravett, Appalachian State University, Presiding

#### Panelists:

Laura Ammon, Appalachian State University

Ann M. Burlein, Hofstra University

Anandi Silva Knuppel, Lawrence University

Amanda Mbuvi, High Point, University

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Andrew Monteith, Elon University  
Brian K. Pennington, Elon University  
Pamela D. Winfield, Elon University  
Joseph Witt, Mississippi State University

### **P30-200**

#### **Manchester Wesley Research Centre**

Theme: **Global British Methodism and Nonconformity in the 19th and Early 20th Centuries**

Monday, November 30, 1:45 PM-3:15 PM

Geordan Hammond, Nazarene Theological College, Presiding

David Bundy, New York Theological Seminary, Presiding

- Alan M. Guenther,  
*"Deserts shall rejoice with singing": Global Awareness in British Methodist Hymnody*
- Ulrike Schuler, Reutlingen School of Theology  
*Liberty and Responsibility in the Spirit of Wesley: A Case Study of Methodist Agricultural Labourers in the 19th century*
- Stéphanie Prévost, Université Paris Diderot  
*"Not being past feeling": Practical Christianity for Ottoman Armenians and International Conciliation (1894-1915)*

### **A30-206**

#### **Martin Luther and Global Lutheran Traditions Unit and Reformed Theology and History Unit**

Theme: **Reformation Theologies: Continuities and Transformations**

Monday, November 30, 1:45 PM-3:15 PM

Mary Philip, Martin Luther University College, Wilfrid Laurier University, Presiding

- Edward Watson, Yale University  
*Conceiving Nothingness: Calvin Warren, Karl Barth, and Total Depravity as Antiblackness*
- Caryn D. Riswold, Wartburg College  
*Luther/an(d) Theological Treatises Today*
- Risto Saarinen, University of Helsinki  
*Masculinity and Transgender Language in Luther*

#### **Business Meeting:**

Kristen E. Kvam, Saint Paul School of Theology, Presiding

Allen G. Jorgenson, Wilfrid Laurier University, Presiding

### **A30-207**

#### **Nineteenth Century Theology Unit**

Theme: **Women Shaping Theology and Religion in the Nineteenth Century: I**

Monday, November 30, 1:45 PM-3:15 PM

Sheila Briggs, University of Southern California, Presiding

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- Theodore Vial, Iliff School of Theology  
*"Rahel Varnhagen as Radical Theorist of a Distributed Self"*
- Emilie Casey, Yale University  
*Enfleshing the Spirit: Performances of Objecthood in 19th-Century Women Preachers*
- Stephanie Paulsell, Harvard University  
*Virginia Woolf, the Long Nineteenth Century, and the Ministry of Women*

### **Responding:**

Thandeka Thandeka, Love Beyond Belief, Inc.

### **A30-208**

#### **North American Hinduism Unit**

Theme: **The Search for Communal Identity and the Making of Digital Hindu Publics in North America**

Monday, November 30, 1:45 PM-3:15 PM

Amy L. Allocco, Elon University, Presiding

- Bhakti Mamtara, College of Wooster  
*Digital Media and Religious Programming in the Swaminarayan Sampraday During the Covid-19 Pandemic*
- Venu Mehta, University of Florida  
*From Digital Hindu Nationalism to the Construction of Material Hindu Identity: Facebook and Hindu International Student Communities in North America*
- Prathiksha Srinivasa, Harvard Divinity School  
*Technical Traditions: Public Hinduism and American Secularism in Silicon Valley*
- Moumita Sen, MF, Norwegian Institute of Theology, Religion, and Society  
*Why Hindu Techies Post: Tracking Islamophobia from Silicon Valley Back 'Home'*

### **Business Meeting:**

Tanisha Ramachandran, Wake Forest University, Presiding

Shana Sippy, Centre College/Carleton College, Presiding

### **A30-209**

#### **Psychology, Culture, and Religion Unit**

Theme: **Psychology, Religion and Politics: Responding: to the Coronavirus Pandemic and Presidential Election of 2020**

Monday, November 30, 1:45 PM-3:15 PM

Eileen Campbell-Reed, Union Theological Seminary, NYC, Presiding

### **Panelists:**

John Blevins, Emory University

Pamela Cooper-White, Union Theological Seminary

Kirsten Sonkyo Oh, Azusa Pacific University

### **A30-210**

#### **Queer Studies in Religion Unit**

Theme: **Queer Secularities**

Monday, November 30, 1:45 PM-3:15 PM

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Kori Pacyniak, University of California, Riverside, Presiding

- Marco Pflanz, University of Alabama  
*Sexularisms*
- Eric Stephen, Harvard University  
*"To Excite Agreeable Sensations": The Knowlton Affair, the Victorian-Era Secularist Movement, and the Shaping of Sexual Subjectivities Within Modern Secularity*
- Daniel Miller, Landmark College  
*Secularization and the Queer Social Body*

### A30-211

#### Religion and Food Unit

Theme: **New England, Thanksgiving, and the American Context**

Monday, November 30, 1:45 PM-3:15 PM

Benjamin Zeller, Lake Forest College, Presiding

- Jonathan D. Brumberg-Kraus, Wheaton College  
*"Myths, Micro-practices, and Identity in \_The\_ American Civil Religious Meal Ritual: \_What's Cooking\_ for Thanksgiving Now?"*
- William Schanbacher, University of South Florida  
*Norman Rockwell, Alice Brock and Arlo Guthrie Walk into a Bar...What's on the Menu for Conversation?*
- Lydia Willsky-Ciollo, Fairfield University  
*"Not-so Forbidden Fruits": Wild Apples, Thoreau, and the Tasteful Sacrament of Healing*

#### Responding:

Daniel McKanan, Harvard University

### A30-212

#### Religion, Memory, History Unit

Theme: **Religion, Memory, and the State: Commemorating Power from Inquisition to Empire**

Monday, November 30, 1:45 PM-3:15 PM

Tim Langille, Arizona State University, Presiding

- Pamela Stevens, The Graduate Theological Union, Berkeley CA  
*Ghostly Effigies, Suspended Shame: Assemblages of Garments of Shame in Churches During the Spanish Inquisition*
- Rubina Salikuddin, Bryn Mawr College  
*Saintly Shrines in Timurid Iran and Central Asia: Issues of State, Religion, and Collective Memory*
- Maayan Raveh, The Hebrew University in Jerusalem  
*Witness in the Holy Land: The Formation of the Palestinian-Christian Narrative*
- Verena Meyer, Columbia University  
*The Agency of Memory: Modernism, Traditionalism, and Islamic Graves in Java*

#### Business Meeting:

Rachel Gross, San Francisco State University, Presiding

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Tim Langille, Arizona State University, Presiding

### A30-213

#### Ricoeur Unit

Theme: **Ricoeur, Feminism and Intersectionality**

Monday, November 30, 1:45 PM-3:15 PM

Hille Haker, Loyola University Chicago, Presiding

- Nathan Pederson, Loyola University Chicago  
*Ricoeur, Opacity, and Intersectionality: Multi-Dimensional Pathologization of the Symbol*
- Georg Kalinna, Georg-August-University Goettingen  
*Concepts of Metaphors – Liberal-Feminist and Hermeneutical Readings of Paul Ricoeur and Their Consequences for a Concept of Religious Innovation*

#### Business Meeting:

W. David Hall, Centre College, Presiding

Glenn Whitehouse, Florida Gulf Coast University, Presiding

### A30-214

#### Roman Catholic Studies Unit

Theme: **Catholicism and the Formation of Conscience**

Monday, November 30, 1:45 PM-3:15 PM

Katherine Dugan, Springfield College, Presiding

- Benjamin Peters, University of Saint Joseph  
*"A Presumption of Injustice": Franz Jägerstätter, Gordon Zahn, and the Formation of Conscientious Resistance*
- Kathryn Lilla Cox, University of San Diego  
*Conscience as Metaphor: Breaking Open the Dialogical Nature of Moral Formation*
- Mary Gratton,  
*Forming Consciences: A Modern Consideration for Conscience as a "Dimension of the Self"*
- Marcus Mescher, Xavier University  
*Toward a "Restorative Church:" Moral Injury, Conscience Formation, and Restorative Justice in Response to Clergy Sexual Abuse*

#### Responding:

Peter Cajka, University of Notre Dame

Monday, November 30, 3:00 PM-5:00 PM

### A30-300

#### American Lectures in the History of Religions Committee Meeting

Monday, November 30, 3:00 PM-5:00 PM

Duncan Williams, University of Southern California, Presiding

#### Panelists:

Barbara Ambros, University of North Carolina

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R. Marie Griffith, Washington University in St. Louis  
Michelle Gonzalez Maldonado,

### A30-301

#### African Diaspora Religions Unit

Theme: **African Diaspora Religion, Embodiment and Survival Amidst an Eshu/Legba/Anansi Moment**

Monday, November 30, 4:00 PM-5:30 PM

Scott Alves Barton, New York University, Presiding

- Carol Marie Webster, Columbia University  
*Fall/Rise...Repeat: Bringing Down Babylon, An Embodied Exploration of African Diaspora Spiritual Resilience as Warfare Against Oppression*

#### Business Meeting:

Rachel E. Harding, University of Colorado, Denver, Presiding

### A30-302

#### Buddhist Philosophy Unit

Theme: **Buddhism and Animal Ethics**

Monday, November 30, 4:00 PM-5:30 PM

Geoffrey Barstow, Oregon State University, Presiding

- Daniel Capper, University of Southern Mississippi  
*American Buddhist Ethics and the Search for Unknown Life Forms*
- Alka Arora, California Institute of Integral Studies  
*Toward an Integrated and Engaged Buddhist Vision of Animal Ethics*
- Rachel Pang, Davidson College  
*Dissolving Anthrocentrism through Impartiality: Shabkar's (1781-1851) Contribution to Tibetan Buddhist Animal Ethics*
- Jeffrey Nicolaisen, Duke University  
*Protecting Life in Taiwan: Can the Rights of Nature Protect all Sentient Beings?*
- Guangshuo Yang, Northwestern University  
*Protecting the Mind, Civilizing the World: Buddhist Pro-Animal Activism in Republican China*
- Geoffrey Barstow, Oregon State University  
*Re-Thinking Buddhist Perspectives on the Human / Animal Divide*

### A30-303

**Asian North American Religion, Culture, and Society Unit and Class, Religion, and Theology Unit and Latina/o Religion, Culture, and Society Unit**

Theme: **On Brown and Yellow Labor: Immigrant Bodies in/and US Religious Traditions**

Monday, November 30, 4:00 PM-5:30 PM

Jeremy V. Cruz, St. John's University, New York, Presiding

- Ashlee Andrews, University of North Carolina At Greensboro

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## AAR Virtual Annual Meeting Program (All times listed in EST (UTC-5))

*Labor Negotiations at the Home Shrine: Analyzing Bengali American Hindu Women's Home Shrine Care as Reproductive Labor*

- Jessica Wong, Azusa Pacific University  
*Orderly Bodies, Orderly Souls, Orderly Citizens: Reforming the Racialized Immigrant Through Physical Discipline*
- Francisco Garcia, Vanderbilt University  
*Moving From the Table to the Streets: The Solidarity and Promise of Interfaith Organizing*

### A30-304

#### **Christian Systematic Theology Unit**

Theme: **Participation and Life in God**

Monday, November 30, 4:00 PM-5:30 PM

Natalia Marandiuc, SMU, Presiding

- Kirsten Guidero, Indiana Wesleyan University  
*Participation, Theosis, and Deification, All Yes: A Modest Proposal*
- Charles Guth, Princeton Theological Seminary  
*To Share Life with God: Participation as Friendship*
- Eric Mabry, Christ the King Seminary  
*Repraesentatur et Efficitur: Sacramental Presence, Participation, and Meaning in the Life of Christ*

### A30-305

#### **Gay Men and Religion Unit and Religion and Sexuality Unit**

Theme: **Explorations of A Post-Queer Worldly Aesthetic**

Monday, November 30, 4:00 PM-5:30 PM

Nina Hoel, University of Oslo, Presiding

- Timothy Jones, La Trobe University  
*Being Ex-Trans in Australia? Gender in LGBT Conversion Ideology and Practice*
- Wei-Jen Chen, Chicago Theological Seminary  
*Challenges to the LGBTQ-Identical Churches in Taiwan in the Post-Equal Marriage Era*
- Tristan Carwile, Princeton Theological Seminary  
*The Queer Eschaton: An Anti-Doctrine of Embodiment*

### A30-307

#### **Islamic Mysticism Unit**

Theme: **Theoretical Sufism and the Lived Human Experience**

Monday, November 30, 4:00 PM-5:30 PM

Maria Massi Dakake, George Mason University, Presiding

- Adam Tyson, UC Riverside  
*Religious Pluralism and the Philosophy of Wahdat al-Wujud in Bedreddin's Revolt*
- Mohammed Rustom, NYU Abu Dhabi  
*Fallen in Love: 'Ayn al-Qudat's Satanology in Context*

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## AAR Virtual Annual Meeting Program (All times listed in EST (UTC-5))

- Arthur Schechter, University of Chicago  
*Nearness to the Real: Sainthood as Ontological Proximity in the Thought of Dawūd al-Qayṣarī*
- Elizabeth Sartell, University of Chicago  
*The Letters of Creation in Judaism and Islam*
- Kabira Masotta, Catholic University of Louvain  
*Spiritual Anthropology of the Border in the First Ascetics of Islam*

### **Business Meeting:**

Cyrus Zargar, University of Central Florida, Presiding

### **A30-308**

#### **Martin Luther and Global Lutheran Traditions Unit**

Theme: **Book Panel, John D. Caputo's Cross and Cosmos: A Theology of Difficult Glory (Indiana University Press, 2019)**

Monday, November 30, 4:00 PM-5:30 PM

Elizabeth Palmer, University of Chicago Divinity School, Presiding

#### **Panelists:**

Jacob Erickson, Trinity College, Dublin

Marit Trelstad, Pacific Lutheran University

Anthony M. Bateza, St. Olaf College

Sigrídur Gudmarsdóttir, VID Specialized University

#### **Responding:**

John D. Caputo, Syracuse University

### **A30-309**

#### **Pentecostal–Charismatic Movements Unit**

Theme: **Guarding Virtue and/or Garnering Respectability: Holiness Dress Codes and Female Pentecostal Bodies**

Monday, November 30, 4:00 PM-5:30 PM

Zachary Michael Tackett, Southeastern University, Presiding

#### **Panelists:**

Andrea Johnson, California State University, Dominguez Hills

Leah Payne, George Fox University

Dara Delgado, University of Dayton

Erica Ramirez, Drew University

Kimberly Alexander, Regent University

#### **Business Meeting:**

Andrea Johnson, California State University, Dominguez Hills, Presiding

Leah Payne, George Fox University, Presiding

### **A30-310**

#### **Political Theology Unit**

Theme: **Political Theology and Imagination**

Monday, November 30, 4:00 PM-5:30 PM

As of September 21. All sessions subject to change.

## AAR Virtual Annual Meeting Program (All times listed in EST (UTC-5))

Inese Radzins, California State University Stanislaus, Presiding

- Maria Tedesco, Seattle University  
*Embodying Islamic Political Theology: Towards a Theory of Theological Imaginary*
- Travis LaCouter, University of Oxford  
*To Speak with Scorched Tongues: Denise Levertov's Revolutionary Theopoetics*
- Joseph Harroff, Temple University  
*Reimagining Cosmopolitanism with Tianxia 天下: A Pluralizing Confucian Political Theology*
- Syeda Beena Butool, Florida State University  
*Liberation Without Reform? Mawdudi's God and the Theopolitics to Decolonize the Muslims of India*

### **Responding:**

An Yountae, California State University, Northridge

### **Business Meeting:**

Inese Radzins, California State University Stanislaus, Presiding

David Newheiser, Australian Catholic University, Presiding

### **A30-311**

#### **Reformed Theology and History Unit**

Theme: **Reformed and Always in Need of Reform**

Monday, November 30, 4:00 PM-5:30 PM

Christina Larsen, Grand Canyon University, Presiding

- Craig Meek, University of Edinburgh  
*Searching for Continuity Amidst Change: Scottish Reformed Theology at the Turn of the 20th Century*
- Chelsea Williams, Princeton Theological Seminary  
*Reforming the Reformers: Karl Barth's Reading of the Lord's Prayer, the Kingdom and Its Coming*
- Henry Kuo, Greensboro College  
*The Dangers of Being Reformed and Reforming*

### **A30-312**

#### **Religion and Human Rights Unit**

Theme: **Orthodox Christianity, Human Rights, and the State**

Monday, November 30, 4:00 PM-5:30 PM

Laura Alexander, University of Nebraska, Omaha, Presiding

- Paul Ladouceur, University of Toronto  
*Ethno-Theology, Human Rights and Orthodoxy in Romania*
- Vebjorn Horsfjord, Inland Norway University of Applied Science  
*The Russian Orthodox Church on Human Rights, Dignity and a Dignified life – A Critical Analysis*
- Philip Lemasters, McMurry University  
*"Liberal Democracy, Human Rights, and Eastern Orthodox Christianity"*

### **Business Meeting:**

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## AAR Virtual Annual Meeting Program (All times listed in EST (UTC-5))

Laura Alexander, University of Nebraska, Omaha, Presiding

### A30-313

#### Religion, Colonialism, and Postcolonialism Unit

Theme: **Roundtable: The Futures of Postcolonialism and Religion**

Monday, November 30, 4:00 PM-5:30 PM

Adrian Hermann, University of Bonn, Presiding

#### Panelists:

Anne Joh, Garrett-Evangelical Theological Seminary

Prea Persaud, University of North Carolina, Charlotte

Kathleen Foody, College of Charleston

Syed Adnan Hussain, Saint Mary's University, Halifax

Caleb Elfenbein, Grinnell College

#### Business Meeting:

Adrian Hermann, University of Bonn, Presiding

Prea Persaud, University of North Carolina, Charlotte, Presiding

### A30-314

#### Teaching Religion Unit

Theme: **Building A "Public-Focused" Future for Non-Sectarian Undergraduate**

#### Religious Studies Programs

Monday, November 30, 4:00 PM-5:30 PM

Sandra L. Gravett, Appalachian State University, Presiding

#### Panelists:

Ann M. Burlein, Hofstra University

Laura Ammon, Appalachian State University

Anandi Silva Knuppel, Lawrence University

Andrew Monteith, Elon University

Amanda Mbuvi, High Point, University

Brian K. Pennington, Elon University

Joseph Witt, Mississippi State University

Cuong Mai, Appalachian State University

### A30-315

#### Vatican II Studies Unit

Theme: **Structural Reform for a New Epoch**

Monday, November 30, 4:00 PM-5:30 PM

Peter De Mey, University of Leuven, Presiding

- Peter Folan, S.J., Georgetown University  
*"Concerns About 'Sharing the Concerns': A Critical Re-Examination of the Office of Auxiliary Bishop"*
- Julia H. Brumbaugh, Regis University  
*Vatican II, Reform & Continuity of Tradition: As We have [Not] Always Taught*
- Elyse Raby, Boston College

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## AAR Virtual Annual Meeting Program (All times listed in EST (UTC-5))

*The Missionary Body of Christ: Merleau-Ponty and Postconciliar Ecclesiology*

### **P30-300**

#### **Wabash Center for Teaching and Learning in Theology and Religion**

Theme: **After Whiteness: An Education in Belonging**

Monday, November 30, 4:00 PM-5:30 PM

Nancy Lynne Westfield,, Presiding

#### **Panelists:**

M. Craig Barnes,

Pui Lan Kwok, Candler School of Theology

M. Shawn Copeland, Boston College

#### **Responding:**

Willie J. Jennings, Yale University

### **A30-306**

#### **Religion in South Asia Unit**

Theme: **Lives and Afterlives of Texts: Translation and Reception of the Tiruvāymoḷi--**

**Round Table Discussion of Endless Song: Tiruvāymoḷi by Archana Venkatesan**

Monday, November 30, 4:00 PM-6:30 PM

Leah Comeau, University of the Sciences, Presiding

#### **Panelists:**

Sucharita Adluri, Cleveland State University

Manasicha Akepiyapornchai, Cornell University

Francis X. Clooney, Harvard University

Steven P. Hopkins, Swarthmore College

Vasudha Narayanan, University of Florida

Christian Lee Novetzke, University of Washington

#### **Responding:**

Archana Venkatesan, University of California, Davis

#### **Business Meeting:**

Deonnie Moodie, University of Oklahoma, Presiding

Patton Burchett, College of William and Mary, Presiding

### **A30-400**

#### **Japanese Religions Unit**

Theme: **Beyond Kami and Buddhas: Demons, Ghosts, and Vengeful Spirits in the Study of Japanese Religions**

Monday, November 30, 6:15 PM-7:45 PM

Barbara Ambros, University of North Carolina, Presiding

- Eric Swanson, Loyola Marymount University  
*Addressing the Spirits of the Heian Capital Through Buddhist Doctrines and Rituals of Salvation*
- Caleb Carter, Kyushu University

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## AAR Virtual Annual Meeting Program (All times listed in EST (UTC-5))

- *Beyond and Betwixt: Situating the Demonic and Dragonesque in Japanese Religions*  
Takashi Miura, University of Arizona
- *Fearing the Powerless: Sakura Sōgorō and the Rise of Peasant Onryō in Early Modern Japan*  
Kristina Buhrman, Florida State University
- *Transformations of Earthbound Spirits: The Japanese Reception and Adoption of Jibakurei from Spiritualism to Masukomi to Modern Ethnography*

**Responding:**

Norika Reider, Miami University

## AAR Virtual Annual Meeting Program (All times listed in EST (UTC-5))

Tuesday, December 1

### **A1-100**

**Chinese Religions Unit and Daoist Studies Unit and Ritual Studies Unit**

Theme: **The Concept of Zhen 真 (True, Real) and Its Potential Contributions to Ritual Theory: A Roundtable on Poul Andersen's The Paradox of Being: Truth, Identity and Images in Daoism (Harvard University Press, 2019)**

Tuesday, December 1, 9:00 AM-11:00 AM

Tobias Zuern, Washington University, St. Louis, Presiding

#### **Panelists:**

Pauline Lee, Saint Louis University

David Mozina, Boston College

Kimberley Patton, Harvard Divinity School, Harvard University

Gil Raz, Dartmouth College

#### **Responding:**

Poul Andersen, University of Hawaii at Manoa

#### **Business Meeting:**

Jessey Choo, Rutgers University, Presiding

Jonathan Pettit, University of Hawaii, Presiding

### **P1-101**

**Society for Buddhist-Christian Studies Board Meeting**

Tuesday, December 1, 9:00 AM-12:00 PM

### **A1-101**

**Graduate Student Committee Business Meeting**

Tuesday, December 1, 10:15 AM-10:45 AM

Aarti Patel, Syracuse University, Presiding

### **A1-102**

**Academic Relations Committee**

Theme: **Strategies for Creating Successful Religion Programs**

Tuesday, December 1, 11:00 AM-1:00 PM

Jennifer Rycenga, San Jose State University, Presiding

#### **Panelists:**

Jenna Gray-Hildenbrand, Middle Tennessee State University

Rebekka King, Middle Tennessee State University

Grant Potts, Austin Community College

Joanne Maguire, University of North Carolina, Charlotte

### **A1-105**

**Buddhism in the West Unit and Buddhism Unit**

As of September 21. All sessions subject to change.

## AAR Virtual Annual Meeting Program (All times listed in EST (UTC-5))

Theme: **Buddhism and Racism Across Asia, Europe and North America**

Tuesday, December 1, 11:00 AM-1:00 PM

Joseph Cheah, University of Saint Joseph, Presiding

- Paride Stortini, University of Chicago  
*The Buddha as an Aryan Samurai: Julius Evola's Spiritual Racism and its Legacy on Italian Buddhism*
- Bruce Grover, University of Heidelberg  
*Race, Ethnic Nationalism and Power in Modern Japanese Buddhism, 1880-1945*
- Melyn McKay, Oxford University  
*Risk Mitigation as a Moral Undertaking in Modern Myanmar*
- Adeana McNicholl, Vanderbilt University  
*Shades of Whiteness in American Buddhism*

**Responding:**

Duncan Williams, University of Southern California

### A1-106

#### Contemporary Islam Unit

Theme: **The Ethics of Critique and Care**

Tuesday, December 1, 11:00 AM-1:00 PM

Kirsten Wesselhoeft, Vassar College, Presiding

- Sayed Hassan Hussaini Akhlaq, Coppin State University  
*The Islamic (Sunni-Shia) Unity and the Contemporary Mujtahids, (Case Study of Ayatollahs Mohseni and Salehi Najafabadi)*
- Donohon Abdugafurova, Emory University  
*Adab and Elder Care: Islamic Values of Elder Care in Central Asia*
- Adel Hashemi, McMaster University  
*Martyrdom, Messianism, and Sectarianism in the Contemporary Twelver Shi'ism: The Case of Martyred Shrine Defenders*
- Iman AbdoulKarim, New York, NY  
*Black Feminist Theory and Analyzing Contemporary Muslim Ethics on Race and Gender*

**Business Meeting:**

Zahra Ayubi, Dartmouth College, Presiding

Noah Salomon, Carleton College, Presiding

Kayla Rene Wheeler, Grand Valley State University, Presiding

### A1-118

#### Exploratory Sessions

Theme: **"Things That Go Bump in the Night": Folklore, the Supernatural, and Vernacular Religion**

Tuesday, December 1, 11:00 AM-1:00 PM

Stephen Wehmeyer, Champlain College, Presiding

- Patrick Polk, University of California, Los Angeles

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## AAR Virtual Annual Meeting Program (All times listed in EST (UTC-5))

*When Legends Die: Local Lore and the Spiritualist Resurrection of a Renowned Black Bostonian*

- Kelly E. Hayes, Indiana University - Purdue University, Indianapolis  
*Enchanted Landscapes: Materializing the Imagined World of Brazil's Valley of the Dawn*
- Lo Valk, University of Tartu  
*Ghosts and Disenchantment: Vernacular Strategies and Theories of Dealing with the Supernatural in Contemporary Estonia*
- Leonard Norman Primiano, Cabrini University  
*"The Best Place to Bury St. Joseph": American Vernacular Religion, the Plastic Votive, and the Power of Intercession in Residential Real Estate*
- David Hufford, PSU College of Medicine  
*The Extraordinary Spiritual Experiences of Combat Veterans and the Future of Supernatural Belief*

### **Business Meeting:**

William Chavez, University of California, Santa Barbara, Presiding

### **A1-107**

#### **History of Christianity Unit and Religion and Politics Unit**

Theme: **The History of Religion in U.S. Elections**

Tuesday, December 1, 11:00 AM-1:00 PM

Elias Ortega, Meadville Lombard Theological School, Presiding

- Andrew D. Walsh, Culver-Stockton College  
*William Jennings Bryan, Evangelicals, and the Democratic Party*
- Isaac Sharp, Union Theological Seminary  
*The Election of 1976: The Year of the Evangelical and its Ongoing Implications for Religion and Elections in the U.S.*
- Scott Culpepper, Dordt University  
*"The Religion Thing": The 1988 Presidential Election and the Shaping of Conservative Evangelical Political Activism*
- Caroline Matas, Princeton University  
*Laughing with God: American Evangelical Political Satire and the 2020 Election*

### **A1-108**

#### **Indigenous Religious Traditions Unit**

Theme: **Rising the Feathered Serpent: A First Flight Over Indigenous Contemplative Traditions**

Tuesday, December 1, 11:00 AM-1:00 PM

Seth Schermerhorn, Hamilton College, Presiding

- Guilhem Olivier, Instituto de Investigaciones Históricas - Universidad Nacional Autónoma de México  
*Divination, Conception of Time and Body Among the Mexica*
- Juan Santoyo, Massachusetts Institute of Technology  
*Weaving Indigenous Traditions and Contemplative Research in Colombia*

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## AAR Virtual Annual Meeting Program (All times listed in EST (UTC-5))

- Tenzin Namdul, Earl E. Bakken Center for Spirituality & Healing University of Minnesota  
*Familiarizing Consciousness with the Unfamiliar World: Death Rituals Among a Tibetan Refugee Community in Mundgod, Southern India*
- Yuria Celidwen, Pacifica Graduate Institute  
*Mictlan, Our Shared Home: Funerary Rites, Ethics of Belonging, and Contemplative Science in Indigenous Mexico*

### **Responding:**

Gabriel Estrada, California State University, Long Beach

### **A1-117**

#### **Navarātri Seminar**

Theme: **Rethinking Navaratri**

Tuesday, December 1, 11:00 AM-1:00 PM

Caleb Simmons, University of Arizona, Presiding

- Jeremy Saul, Mahidol University  
*Celebrating Vasant Navaratri: Kaila Devi, 'Vaishnavization,' and Divine Polarity*
- Moumita Sen, MF, Norwegian Institute of Theology, Religion, and Society  
*From Demon to Deity: The Changing Iconography of Mahishasur*
- Venu Mehta, University of Florida  
*Men Embodying Women: Using Navarātri to Invent an Indigenous Theology and Ritual in Ahmedabad*

### **Business Meeting:**

Ute Huesken, Heidelberg University, Presiding

### **A1-109**

#### **New Religious Movements Unit**

Theme: **White Supremacy, Race, and New Religious Movements**

Tuesday, December 1, 11:00 AM-1:00 PM

Christa Shusko, York College of Pennsylvania, Presiding

- Alexandria Griffin, Arizona State University  
*African Americans in the Israelite House of David and Mary's City of David*
- Jefferson Calico, University of the Cumberland  
*American Völkisch: White Nationalism and the Performance of Religion in Heathenism*
- Tessa Harmon, University of California, Riverside  
*'Straight But Not Narrow': Greg Johnson on Gay Inclusion and Masculinity Within Academic White Nationalism in the United States*
- Colette Walker, Graduate Theological Union  
*"Engendering the 'Transparent Race': Mazdaznan in the Context of \*Lebensreform\*, Aryanism, and the International Eugenics Movement"*

### **Responding:**

Leonard McKinnis, Saint Louis University

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## AAR Virtual Annual Meeting Program (All times listed in EST (UTC-5))

### A1-103

#### Public Understanding of Religion Committee

Theme: **2020 AAR Award-Winning Religion Journalists: Covering the Religion Beat in an Election Year**

Tuesday, December 1, 11:00 AM-1:00 PM

Nathan Walker, 1791 Delegates, Presiding

#### Panelists:

Evan Berry, Arizona State University

### A1-110

#### Qur'an Unit

Theme: **Issues in Qur'anic Interpretation**

Tuesday, December 1, 11:00 AM-1:00 PM

Aisha (Ash) Geissinger, Carleton University, Presiding

- Syed Zaidi, Emory University  
*The Use of the Qur'ān in the Brethren of Purity's (Ikhwān al-Ṣafā') Conception of Theurgy and Magic*
- Zarif Rahman, University of Virginia  
*Al-Māturidī's Typology of Waḥī: Towards a Nuanced Understanding of a Central Islamic Term*
- Younus Mirza, Shenandoah University  
*Islamic Mary: Between Prophecy and Orthodoxy*

#### Business Meeting:

Gordon D. Newby, Emory University, Presiding

Lauren Osborne, Whitman College, Presiding

### A1-111

#### Religion and Ecology Unit

Theme: **Religion and Ecological Futures**

Tuesday, December 1, 11:00 AM-1:00 PM

Terra Schwerin Rowe, University of North Texas, Presiding

- Jeremy Sorgen, University of Virginia  
*By Faith and Fossil Fuels: Cultural Strategies of Christian Life*
- Joseph Viola,  
*Baptism in the Jordan: Christian Zionist Theology Perpetrating Environmental Injustices*
- Hans Olsson, University of Copenhagen  
*Restoring the Divine Order of Creation? Christian Food Production, Class and Sustainable Profitability in South Africa*

### A1-112

#### Religion and Popular Culture Unit

Theme: **100 Years After Prohibition: Temperance and Alcohol in Popular Culture**

Tuesday, December 1, 11:00 AM-1:00 PM

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## AAR Virtual Annual Meeting Program (All times listed in EST (UTC-5))

Nora L. Rubel, University of Rochester, Presiding

- David Grumett, University of Edinburgh  
*Christian Responses to Spirits: Medicine or Poison?*
- Lisle Dalton, Hartwick College  
*"Booze"*
- Taylor Dean, Florida State University  
*John Barleycorn Must Die: The Trial and Execution of Alcohol in Juvenile Temperance Literature*
- Francis Stewart, Bishop Grosseteste University  
*"I Don't Smoke, I Don't Drink, I Least I Can Fucking Think." Straight Edge Punk as a Contemporary [Secular] Temperance Movement?*

### **Responding:**

Gary M. Laderman, Emory University

### **Business Meeting:**

Rabia Gregory, University of Missouri, Presiding

Elijah Siegler, College of Charleston, Presiding

### **A1-113**

**Religion in Europe Unit and Sociology of Religion Unit and Critical Research on Religion**

Theme: **Faith, Knowledge, and Rational Freedom: A Roundtable on Jürgen Habermas' Also a History of Philosophy (Suhrkamp, 2019)**

Tuesday, December 1, 11:00 AM-1:00 PM

Warren S. Goldstein, Center for Critical Research on Religion, Presiding

### **Panelists:**

Eduardo Mendieta, State University of New York, Stony Brook

Francis Schussler Fiorenza, Harvard University

Maeve Cooke, University College Dublin

### **A1-114**

**Religions in the Latina/o Americas Unit**

Theme: **Catholicism, Colonialism and Ambulant Devotion in the Global Imperial Church**

Tuesday, December 1, 11:00 AM-1:00 PM

Jennifer Scheper Hughes, University of California, Riverside, Presiding

### **Panelists:**

Karin Velez, Macalester College

Jessica Delgado, The Ohio State University

J. Michelle Molina, Northwestern University

Kelsey Moss, University of Southern California

### **Business Meeting:**

Daisy Vargas, University of Arizona, Presiding

### **A1-115**

**Religions, Medicines, and Healing Unit**

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## AAR Virtual Annual Meeting Program (All times listed in EST (UTC-5))

Theme: **Responding: to COVID-19: A Comparative Religion & Healing Perspective**

Tuesday, December 1, 11:00 AM-1:00 PM

Linda L. Barnes, Boston University, Presiding

**Panelists:**

William McGrath, Manhattan College

Marcus Harvey, University of North Carolina, Asheville

Matilde Moros, Virginia Commonwealth University

Shin Kwon Kim, Ajou University Medical College

Amy DeRogatis, Michigan State University

Isaac Weiner, Ohio State University

Rahimjon Abdugafurov, Emory University

**Business Meeting:**

Emily Wu, Dominican University of California, Presiding

### **A1-116**

#### **Ritual Studies Unit**

Theme: **Strategies of Ritual Performance**

Tuesday, December 1, 11:00 AM-1:00 PM

Sarah M. Pike, California State University, Chico, Presiding

- Kie Man Bryan Mok, Chinese University of Hong Kong  
*Revisiting Ritual in Public Protests in the Light of Recent Hong Kong Protest Movements and Confucian Perspectives*
- Jacob Latham, University of Tennessee  
*Roman Strategies of Ritualization and the Performance of the Pompa Circensis*
- Kenny Schmitt, Al-Quds Bard College  
*Disruption, Improvisation, and Resonance: A Productive Frame for Theorizing Ritual*

**Responding:**

Paul-Francois Tremlett, The Open University

Martin Pehal, Charles University

Jens Kreinath, Wichita State University

**Business Meeting:**

Michael Houseman, École Pratique des Hautes Études, Presiding

### **P1-102**

#### **Society for the Study of Japanese Religions**

Theme: **Old Paths and New Directions in Zen Studies: Celebrating Over Four Decades of Scholarship by Steven Heine**

Tuesday, December 1, 11:00 AM-1:00 PM

Pamela D. Winfield, Elon University, Presiding

**Panelists:**

Jacqueline I. Stone, Princeton University

Richard M. Jaffe,

Albert Welter, University of Arizona

Morten Schlutter,

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Michaela Mross, Stanford University

**Responding:**

Steven Heine, Florida International University

### A1-104

**Theological Education Committee**

Theme: **Creating and Teaching Seminary Courses Online: A Workshop**

Tuesday, December 1, 11:00 AM-1:00 PM

Ken Stone, Chicago Theological Seminary, Presiding

**Panelists:**

Laurel C. Schneider, Vanderbilt University

### A1-119

**Religion and Human Rights Unit Business Meeting**

Tuesday, December 1, 12:50 PM-1:45 PM

Jenna Reinbold, Colgate University, Presiding

**Business Meeting:**

Laura Alexander, University of Nebraska, Omaha, Presiding

### P1-103

**Thomas F. Torrance Theological Fellowship**

Theme: **T. F. Torrance's Soteriological Suspension of the Ethical**

Tuesday, December 1, 1:00 PM-4:00 PM

Gary Deddo, Grace Communion Seminary, Presiding

- Todd Speidell,

*T. F. Torrance's Soteriological Suspension of the Ethical*

**Responding:**

Christian D. Kettler, Friends University

### A1-201

**African Religions Unit**

Theme: **Teaching African Religions**

Tuesday, December 1, 1:45 PM-3:15 PM

Adriaan Van Klinken, University of Leeds, Presiding

**Panelists:**

Devaka Premawardhana, Emory University

Mary Nyangweso, East Carolina University

David Ngong, Stillman College

Joseph Hellweg, Florida State University

Corey Williams, Leiden University

### A1-202

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## AAR Virtual Annual Meeting Program (All times listed in EST (UTC-5))

### **Arts, Literature, and Religion Unit and Cognitive Science of Religion Unit**

Theme: **The Ethology of Religion and Art: Potential Avenues of New Research**

Tuesday, December 1, 1:45 PM-3:15 PM

John Allison, Rice University, Presiding

- Zoe Anthony, University of Toronto  
*The Ethics and Ethology of Religion and Art*
- Kevin Schilbrack, Appalachian State University  
*Religion, Art, and our Animal History*
- Norman J. Girardot, Lehigh University  
*Case Studies in the Visionary Nexus of Religious Ecstasy and Artistic Creativity: Howard Finster & Mr. Imagination (Gregory Warmack)*
- Armin W. Geertz, Aarhus University  
*Religion and Art as Behavior: Reflections on Evolutionary and Neurocognitive Mechanisms*

#### **Responding:**

Bryan S. Rennie, Westminster College

### **A1-203**

#### **Asian North American Religion, Culture, and Society Unit and Women and Religion Unit**

Theme: **Asian and Asian American Women in Theology and Religion**

Tuesday, December 1, 1:45 PM-3:15 PM

Grace Kao, Claremont School of Theology, Presiding

#### **Panelists:**

Rita Brock, Volunteers of America

Su Yon Pak, Union Theological Seminary

Najeeba Syeed-Miller, Claremont School of Theology

Sharon A. Suh, Seattle University

Lisa Cunningham, Drew University

#### **Responding:**

Kelly Brown Douglas, Episcopal Divinity School

Pui Lan Kwok, Candler School of Theology

### **A1-204**

#### **Body and Religion Unit**

Theme: **Sensing Religion: Smell, Touch, Perception, and Sight**

Tuesday, December 1, 1:45 PM-3:15 PM

George Pati, Valparaiso University, Presiding

- Iva Patel, University of Iowa  
*Sensory Engagement as Authentic and Authenticating Experience: An Argument for Knowing Versus Approximating God in Hindu Songs from Nineteenth Century Gujarat*
- Sinah Kloß, University of Cologne  
*Touching Deities: Offerings, Energies, and the Notion of Touch in Guyanese Hinduism*
- Kira Ganga Kieffer, Boston University

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## AAR Virtual Annual Meeting Program (All times listed in EST (UTC-5))

*What does Exodus II Smell Like?: Essential Oils and the Scent of Spirituality*

- Matthew Drew, University of Virginia  
*The Feeling of Perception: Affect, Sensation, and Truth in the Work of Jon Kabat-Zinn*

### **Business Meeting:**

Megan Adamson Sijapati, Gettysburg College, Presiding

Katherine C. Zubko, University of North Carolina, Asheville, Presiding

### **A1-205**

#### **Buddhism in the West Unit**

Theme: **Transnationalism, Secularization, and Hybridity: Adapting Buddhisms in the West**

Tuesday, December 1, 1:45 PM-3:15 PM

Wakoh Shannon Hickey, Hospice by the Bay, Presiding

- Alexander Rocklin, Otterbein University  
*Buddhism, Race, and the Magic of Secularism in Antebellum America*
- Peter M. Romaskiewicz, University of California, Santa Barbara  
*Beware the Curse of the Buddha: Race, Gender, and Religious Xenophobia of Buddhism in Early Twentieth Century American Media*
- Jason Ellsworth, Dalhousie University  
*Buddhist Social Enterprise or "Corporate Buddhism": The Commodification and Consumption of Discourses of Social Change*
- Claudia Schippert, University of Central Florida  
*Translating Korean Zen in America: Hybridization in Seung Sahn's Kwan Um School of Zen*

### **Business Meeting:**

Scott Mitchell, Institute of Buddhist Studies, Presiding

Wakoh Shannon Hickey, Hospice by the Bay, Presiding

#### **Jack, Joseph and Morton Mandel Center for Advanced Holocaust Studies**

Theme: **Reconsidering the Catholic Church: A Special Film Screening of "Holy Silence"**

Tuesday, December 1, 1:45 PM-3:15 PM

### **A1-206**

#### **Latina/o Religion, Culture, and Society Unit and Religion, Holocaust, and Genocide Unit**

Theme: **Reconciling Latinx Identities Post-Genocide**

Tuesday, December 1, 1:45 PM-3:15 PM

Lloyd Barba, Amherst College, Presiding

- Rita Rodriguez, The University of Chicago Divinity School  
*Reconciling Indigeneity for a Decolonial Mujerista Theology: La Preservacion de los Taínos en Puerto Rico*
- Mary Diggin, Independent  
*The Albuquerque Cuartocentenario Memorial: Contestation and Dissent in NM*

### **Responding:**

Matilde Moros, Virginia Commonwealth University

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## AAR Virtual Annual Meeting Program (All times listed in EST (UTC-5))

### A1-207

#### Practical Theology Unit

Theme: **Vulnerability, Dignity and the Ecological Crisis**

Tuesday, December 1, 1:45 PM-3:15 PM

Sabrina Mueller, University of Zurich, Presiding

- Pamela McCarroll, Emmanuel College, University of Toronto  
*Living in the Anthropocene: Embracing Eco-Anxiety and the Vulnerability of Being*
- Allison Covey, Villanova University  
*Cats on the Crossing: Dignity and Relationality in the Syrian Refugee Crisis*
- Wilson Dickinson, Lexington Theological Seminary  
*Out of the Mouths of Infants: Parenthood, Climate Change, and a Practical Theological Aesthetics of the Psalms*

#### Responding:

Christian Scharen

### A1-200

#### Public Understanding of Religion Committee

Theme: **Centering the Guild: The Role of Academic Centers in the Field of Religion**

Tuesday, December 1, 1:45 PM-3:15 PM

Terrence Johnson, Georgetown University, Presiding

#### Panelists:

Zahra Jamal, Rice University

Shaun Casey, Georgetown University

Debra Mason, University of Missouri

Justin Latterell, Emory University

Derrick McQueen, Columbia University

### A1-208

#### Qur'an Unit

Theme: **Boundaries and the Qur'an**

Tuesday, December 1, 1:45 PM-3:15 PM

Lauren Osborne, Whitman College, Presiding

- Johanne Louise Christiansen, University of Southern Denmark  
*"I Would Just Light a Fire in my Backyard and Burn It" (Imām from Arab Mosque in Denmark, 2018): A Qualitative Study of the Material Qur'ān*
- Pieter Coppens, Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam  
*Tafsīr and a Silent Print Revolution: Book Culture in Early 20th Century Damascus*
- Shuaib Ally, University of Toronto  
*Policing the Discipline in late 8th C Mamluk Cairo – Sirāj al-Dīn al-Bulqīnī and Qur'ānic Interpretation*
- Omer Awass, American Islamic College  
*The Quran and Its Structural Influences on Early Islamic Theological Discourse*

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## AAR Virtual Annual Meeting Program (All times listed in EST (UTC-5))

### A1-209

#### Religion and Public Schools: International Perspectives Unit

Theme: **Religious Education in the Context of Digital/Social Media and Religious Nationalism**

Tuesday, December 1, 1:45 PM-3:15 PM

Erik Owens, Boston College, Presiding

- Knut Aukland, OsloMet - Oslo Metropolitan University  
*What Are RE Teachers Doing on Facebook?*
- Jussi Ikkala, University of Helsinki  
Arto Kallioniemi, University of Helsinki  
Arniika Kuusisto, Stockholm University  
*Digital Medias in Religious Education: The Need for Powerful Knowledge and Religious Literacy Skills*
- Shino Yokotsuka, University of Massachusetts Boston  
*Breaking the Taboo: the Rise of Global Religious Nationalism and Public School Teachers' Struggles Over School Prayer in the USA and Japan*

### A1-210

#### Religions, Social Conflict, and Peace Unit

Theme: **A Critical Reassessment of Religion and Nonviolent Praxis in Populist Times**

Tuesday, December 1, 1:45 PM-3:15 PM

Ellen Ott Marshall, Emory University, Presiding

- Rasheed Rabbi, Hartford Seminary  
*An Interconnected and Iterative Framework to Deconstruct American Mosques and Acculturate Muslim Identity*
- Purvi Parikh, Muhlenberg College  
*Gandhian Satyagraha and Hindu Nationalism in Contemporary India*
- Tsz Him Lai, Drew University  
*Hong Kong Theology: After the 2019 Protests*

#### Responding:

Heather M. DuBois, Stonehill College

### A1-211

#### Secularism and Secularity Unit

Theme: **African American Secularism and Freethinking: Recent Work in the Field**

Tuesday, December 1, 1:45 PM-3:15 PM

Bradley Onishi, Skidmore College, Presiding

#### Panelists:

Carol Wayne White, Bucknell University

Joseph Winters, Duke University

Nathan Alexander, Max Planck Institute

### A1-212

#### Theology and Continental Philosophy Unit

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## AAR Virtual Annual Meeting Program (All times listed in EST (UTC-5))

### Theme: **Works in Progress**

Tuesday, December 1, 1:45 PM-3:15 PM

Beatrice Marovich, Hanover College, Presiding

#### **Panelists:**

An Yountae, California State University, Northridge

Brandy Daniels, University of Portland

Biko Gray, Syracuse University

#### **Business Meeting:**

Adam Kotsko, North Central College, Presiding

Beatrice Marovich, Hanover College, Presiding

### **A1-214**

#### **Wildcard Session**

Theme: **Breaking Boundaries: A Roundtable Discussion on the Scholar-Practitioner**

Tuesday, December 1, 1:45 PM-3:15 PM

Jacob Kyle, Embodied Philosophy, Presiding

#### **Panelists:**

Christopher Chapple, Loyola Marymount University

Ramdas Lamb, University of Hawai'i, Manoa

Rita Sherma, Graduate Theological Union

Marcy Braverman Goldstein, Queens University of Charlotte

Stephanie Corigliano, Embodied Philosophy

Jeffrey Stephen Lidke, Berry College

Zoe Slatoff, Columbia University

### **P1-201**

**International Bonhoeffer Society Board of Directors Meeting**

Tuesday, December 1, 2:00 PM-5:00 PM

### **A1-301**

**Anthropology of Religion Unit and Body and Religion Unit**

Theme: **Purification and its Discontents: On Contagions and Practices of Containment**

Tuesday, December 1, 4:00 PM-5:30 PM

Jon Bialecki,, Presiding

#### **Panelists:**

Hanna H. Kim, Adelphi University

Maria Turek, University of Toronto

Gopal Sukhu, Queens College, City University of New York

Laurel Kendall, American Museum of Natural History

#### **Responding:**

Brian A. Hatcher, Tufts University

### **A1-302**

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## AAR Virtual Annual Meeting Program (All times listed in EST (UTC-5))

### **Buddhist Philosophy Unit and Tibetan and Himalayan Religions Unit**

Theme: **Buddhist Philosophies of the Material /Tibetan Buddhist Philosophies of Materiality**

Tuesday, December 1, 4:00 PM-5:30 PM

Ana Cristina Lopes, Stanford University, Presiding

- David Germano, University of Virginia  
*Tracing an Original Theology of Matter Underlying a Normative Theology of Vision: The 11th Century Foundations of the Great Perfection Seminal Heart*
- Devin Zuckerman, University of Virginia  
Adam Liddle, University of Virginia  
*'The Sound of Earth, Water, Fire and Wind:' Elemental Theory and Practice in 12th Century Great Perfection Literature*
- James Gentry, Stanford University  
*Theorizing Buddhist Amulet Practice in Tibet: What does it Mean to be Liberated Through Wearing?*
- Catherine Hartmann, Harvard University  
*Don't Throw Away These Favorable Conditions for Nothing!: Place, Materiality, and Agency in Tibetan Pilgrimage*

#### **Business Meeting:**

Tao Jiang, Rutgers University, New Brunswick, Presiding

Karin Meyers,, Presiding

### **A1-303**

#### **Chinese Christianities Unit**

Theme: **Negotiating Politics and Religion**

Tuesday, December 1, 4:00 PM-5:30 PM

Alexander Chow, University of Edinburgh, Presiding

- Zhixi Wang, Shantou University  
*A Jesus-Centered Public Theology: Scripturalization of Three Peoples' Principles and the Politics of Jesus in China, 1920s-30s*
- Jesse Sun, Duke University  
*For God and a New China: Cai Yongchun's Fateful Return in 1950*
- Justin Tse, Singapore Management University  
*'A lot of Lawsuits There': Evangelical Recollections of Chong v. Lee Among Vancouver's Conservative Cantonese Protestants*

#### **Responding:**

Chloe Starr, Yale Divinity School

### **A1-304**

#### **Comparative Religious Ethics Unit**

Theme: **Postcolonialism, Race, and Critical Theory in the Study of CRE**

Tuesday, December 1, 4:00 PM-5:30 PM

Shannon Dunn, Gonzaga University, Presiding

- Devin O'Rourke, University of Chicago

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## AAR Virtual Annual Meeting Program (All times listed in EST (UTC-5))

- *Ideology and the Study of Religion: Revisiting a Troublesome Concept*  
Eun Hwang, University of Chicago  
*Methodological Implications of Post-Colonial Approaches for Comparative Religious Ethics*
- Nicholas Andersen, Brown University  
*Race, Empire, and (Comparative) Religious Ethics*

### A1-306

#### Ecclesiological Investigations Unit and Wesleyan and Methodist Studies Unit

Theme: **LGBTQ+ Experience as an Ecclesial Issue**

Tuesday, December 1, 4:00 PM-5:30 PM

Cindy K. Wesley, University of Northern Colorado, Presiding

- Lynne Gerber, Independent Scholar  
*Justice, Doctrine, or Participation?: Debating Ecclesiology and Sexuality in the 1970s and 80s*
- Victoria Slabinski, Yale University  
*Justice and the United Methodist Church: A Queer Response to a Global Denomination's Crisis*
- Ian B. Straker,  
*What If It's Not Really About LGBTQ? The Long Simmering Crisis in the United Methodist Church*

### A1-307

#### History of Christianity Unit

Theme: **Teaching the One Term History of Christianity Course**

Tuesday, December 1, 4:00 PM-5:30 PM

Trish Beckman, Saint Olaf College, Presiding

- Rabia Gregory, University of Missouri  
*Christianities at a Public University*
- Douglas Jacobsen, Messiah College  
*Follow the Numbers: Globalizing the One-Semester History of Christianity Class*
- John McCormack, Aurora University  
*Un-Syllabus-ing Tradition: A Student-Centered, Reverse-Diachronic Approach to the Survey Course*
- Dan Wells, Florida State University  
*Reframing the Christian History Survey Course Through Religio-Racial Identity and the Digital Humanities*

#### Business Meeting:

Trish Beckman, Saint Olaf College, Presiding

Lloyd Barba, Amherst College, Presiding

### P1-302

Manchester Wesley Research Centre and Pentecostal Theological Seminary

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## AAR Virtual Annual Meeting Program (All times listed in EST (UTC-5))

Theme: **Social Engagement in the American Holiness and Pentecostal Traditions**

Tuesday, December 1, 4:00 PM-5:30 PM

Geordan Hammond, Nazarene Theological College, Presiding

David Han, Pentecostal Theological Seminary, Presiding

- Daniel Alvarez, Pentecostal Theological Seminary  
*Social Engagement of the Holiness Movement among Immigrants and the Urban Poor of New York City at Five Points*
- Dara Delgado, University of Dayton  
*All in the Name: A Social-Historical Examination of the Civic Engagement of Bishop Arthur M. Brazier, an Apostolic Pentecostal Bishop on Chicago's Southside*
- John Maiden, Open University  
*Charismatic Renewal, Communitarianism and Reconciliation, c. 1965-1980*

### A1-309

**Mysticism Unit and Platonism and Neoplatonism Unit and Pragmatism and Empiricism in American Religious Thought Unit**

Theme: **Mysticism and Ecology: On Willemien Otten's "Thinking Nature and the Nature of Thinking: From Eriugena to Emerson" (Stanford University Press, 2020)**

Tuesday, December 1, 4:00 PM-5:30 PM

Adrian Guiu, University of Chicago, Presiding

#### **Panelists:**

Catherine Keller, Drew University

Alexander J.B. Hampton, University of Toronto

Alda Balthrop-Lewis, Australian Catholic University

Junius Johnson, Baylor University

#### **Responding:**

Willemien Otten, University of Chicago

Dermot Moran, Boston College

### A1-310

**Religion and Cities Unit**

Theme: **Emerging Scholarship in Religion and Cities**

Tuesday, December 1, 4:00 PM-5:30 PM

Elise Edwards, Baylor University, Presiding

- Fatimah Fanusie, Institute for Islamic, Christian, and Jewish Studies  
*Mapping Islam and Justice onto the City of Boston: Mohammad's Temple No. 11 and the Economic and Social Empowerment of 1948-1998*
- Joe Pettit, Morgan State University  
*Blessing Oppression: The Support Given by Churches for Housing Apartheid and Racial Inequality*
- Sher Afgan Tareen, Florida State University  
*Rhythmanalysis of Cities and American Islam*
- Christy Randazzo, Haddonfield Friends Meeting

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## AAR Virtual Annual Meeting Program (All times listed in EST (UTC-5))

*The Place of Reconciliation in Divided Cities: A Theological and Practical Framework for Reconciliation in Baltimore*

- Abel Gomez, Syracuse University  
*Defending Indigenous Sacred Places: Perspectives from Ohlone Territory/San Francisco Bay Area*
- Katie Day, United Lutheran Seminary, Philadelphia  
*Emerging Themes and Methods in the Routledge Handbook of Religion and Cities*

### **Business Meeting:**

Elise Edwards, Baylor University, Presiding

### **A1-300**

#### **Student Lounge Roundtable**

Theme: **Religious Studies as Part of a General Education (GE) Curriculum: Aligning Threshold Concepts in Information Literacy, Writing Studies, and Religious Studies**

Tuesday, December 1, 4:00 PM-5:30 PM

Aarti Patel, Syracuse University, Presiding

#### **Panelists:**

Nathan Fredrickson, University of California, Santa Barbara

### **A1-311**

#### **Study of Islam Unit**

Theme: **"Physiology is Theology": Gendered Bodies in Sufi and Islamic Discourses of the Self**

Tuesday, December 1, 4:00 PM-5:30 PM

Laury Silvers, University of Toronto, Presiding

- Rose Deighton, Emory  
*Reading the Self Through a Sufi Hermeneutic of Divine Immanence: A Case Study of Shaykha Fariha al-Jerrahi*
- Sara Abdel-Latif, University of Toronto  
*Emaciation and Menstruation in Sufi Hagiographies of Women: Men Reading Female Piety and Self-Discipline in Corporeal Terms*
- Arpan Bhandari, University of North Carolina At Chapel Hill  
*A Space for the Truth: Mansur Hallaj, His Utterances, and His Attempts at Deconstructing and Redefining the Physical Body Through Sound and Space*
- Garrett Kiriakos-Fugate, Boston University  
*"Be Content with the Decree of Allah": The Cisheterosexual Nafs in Shi'i and Sunni Fatwas on Transsexuality and Intersexuality*

### **A1-312**

#### **Study of Judaism Unit**

Theme: **The "Negative" Emotions in Halakha: Despair, Grief, and Jealousy in Jewish Legal Thought**

Tuesday, December 1, 4:00 PM-5:30 PM

Yonatan Brafman, Jewish Theological Seminary of America, Presiding

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## AAR Virtual Annual Meeting Program (All times listed in EST (UTC-5))

- Sarah Zager, Yale University  
*"There is No Sickness Greater than the Feeling of Despair": Halakhah, Emotion, and Virtue in Musar Literature*
- Shira Billet, Yale University  
*Between Halakha, Jewish Philosophy, and Leidensgeschichte: Mourning Children, and the Legal and Philosophical Containment of the Passions*
- Sarah Wolf, Jewish Theological Seminary of America  
*The Language of Kinnui: The "Spirit of Jealousy" and Its Rabbinic Reception*

### **Responding:**

Martin Kavka, Florida State University

### **M1-302**

#### **Unitarian Universalist Scholars and Friends**

Theme: **What Is Democracy Now?**

Tuesday, December 1, 4:00 PM-5:30 PM

### **A1-313**

#### **Women and Religion Unit**

Theme: **#MeToo and #ChurchToo**

Tuesday, December 1, 4:00 PM-5:30 PM

Stephanie May, First Parish in Wayland, Presiding

- Leah Thomas, Lancaster Theological Seminary  
*\*Restitutio Divina\*: An Embodied Approach to Gender-Based Violence*
- Hilary Scarsella, Memphis Theological Seminary  
*When Survivors Come Forward: Analyzing Patterns of Institutional Response and Proposing Transformative Interventions*
- Seong Hyun Lee, Drew University  
*When Empathy Meets Digital Activism: A Response to Sexual Violence in Church Community*
- Rebekah Gordon, Florida State University  
*#BelieveWomen: The Gendered Constructions of Guilt and Innocence in American Jurisprudence*

### **A1-308**

#### **Moral Injury and Recovery in Religion, Society, and Culture Unit and Religion and Disability Studies Unit**

Theme: **Broken Bodies, Sacred Rituals, and Public Theological Imagination**

Tuesday, December 1, 4:00 PM-6:00 PM

Zachary Moon, Chicago Theological Seminary, Presiding

- Adam McDuffie, Emory University  
*This is the Body, Broken for You: The Warrior Image, Soldier Bodies, and the Scars of WWI*
- Ann Duncan, Goucher College

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## AAR Virtual Annual Meeting Program (All times listed in EST (UTC-5))

*#VibrateHigher: Baltimore Ceasefire, Sacred Ritual, and Remembrance in the Midst of Baltimore's Homicide Epidemic*

- Hee-Kyu Heidi Park, Ewha Womans University  
*Trauma-Ridden Body Lifted High: Forming Theological Imagination in the Public Square*

### **Business Meeting:**

Heike Peckruhn, Daemen College, Presiding  
David Scott, Iliff School of Theology, Presiding

### **A1-305**

#### **Comparative Studies in Religion Unit**

Theme: **Darwinism in Asia: Panel Discussion of the Book, Asian Religious Responses to Darwinism (Springer, 2020)**

Tuesday, December 1, 4:00 PM-6:30 PM

C. Mackenzie Brown, Trinity University, Presiding

#### **Panelists:**

Justin R. Ritzinger, University of Miami

Brianne Donaldson, Rice University

Roger Jackson, Carleton College

Taner Edis, Truman State University

Alexander Liu, Chinese University of Hong Kong, Shenzhen

#### **Responding:**

Hyung Park, Nanyang Technological University, Singapore

#### **Business Meeting:**

Oliver Freiburger, University of Texas, Austin, Presiding

Ivette Vargas-O'Bryan, Austin College, Presiding

### **P1-303**

#### **Society for Buddhist-Christian Studies**

Theme: **Contemplative Practices and Religious Experiences: Buddhist-Christian Perspectives**

Tuesday, December 1, 4:00 PM-6:30 PM

Ruben L. F. Habito, Southern Methodist University, Presiding

#### **Panelists:**

Peter Feldmeier, University of Toledo

Kevin Hunt, Trappist Monastery, St. Joseph's Abbey

Kristin Johnston Largen, United Lutheran Seminary

Paula K. R. Arai, Louisiana State University

### **A1-400**

#### **Religions, Social Conflict, and Peace Unit**

Theme: **Business Meeting**

Tuesday, December 1, 5:30 PM-6:00 PM

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## AAR Virtual Annual Meeting Program (All times listed in EST (UTC-5))

Ellen Ott Marshall, Emory University, Presiding

**Business Meeting:**

Atalia Omer, University of Notre Dame, Presiding

## AAR Virtual Annual Meeting Program (All times listed in EST (UTC-5))

Wednesday, December 2

### A2-100

#### Buddhist Philosophy Unit

Theme: **Debating Consciousness from Abhidharma to Contemporary Philosophy**

Wednesday, December 2, 9:00 AM-10:30 AM

Jingjing Li, Leiden University, Presiding

- Eyal Aviv, George Washington University  
*Cognitive Parallelism and Sequentialism in the Buddhist Scholastic Tradition*
- Ching Keng, National Chengchi University  
*From "One Type of Consciousness at One Moment" to "Multiple Types of Consciousness at One Moment"*
- Ernest Brewster, Iona College  
*Reflections in the Mirror: Transformations in the Theories of Sensory Perception and Cognition in Three Chinese Renderings of the \*Laṅkāvatāra Sūtra\**
- Jiyun Kim, Dongguk University  
*Is the Source of Cognition the Eighth or the Ninth Consciousness?: An Interpretation on the \*Amala-vijñāna in East Asia Buddhism*

### A2-101

#### Religion in Europe Unit

Theme: **Jewish Identity on the Margins in Modern Europe: Three Cases**

Wednesday, December 2, 9:00 AM-10:30 AM

John McCormack, Aurora University, Presiding

- Shannon Quigley, University of Haifa  
*The Culmination of Christian Dejudatization Efforts in the Nazi Era*
- Tyson Herberger, Inland Norway University  
*Jewishness Negated: An Intersectional Look at Marginalized Jews in Norway*

### P2-106

#### Colloquium on Violence and Religion

Theme: **Mimetic Theory and Christian Spirituality**

Wednesday, December 2, 9:00 AM-11:30 AM

Brian Robinette, Boston College, Presiding

- Jared Price, Multnomah Biblical Seminary  
*"All Shall Be Well": Julian of Norwich, Rene Girard, Jacques Lacan, and the "Other Side" of Christian Mysticism*
- Aline Lewis, Graduate Theological Union  
*Mimetic Desire in Ignatius of Loyola's \*Autobiography\**
- Joseph Rivera, Dublin City University  
*Eucharist as Contemplative Action: A Girardian Perspective*

#### Business Meeting:

Grant Kaplan, Saint Louis University, Presiding

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## AAR Virtual Annual Meeting Program (All times listed in EST (UTC-5))

### P2-105

#### Niebuhr Society

Theme: **Reflections from the New Oxford Handbook of Reinhold Niebuhr**

Wednesday, December 2, 9:00 AM-11:30 AM

### P2-103

#### Society for Hindu-Christian Studies

Theme: **Politics and Religions in India: Religious Freedom for all Citizens of India**

Wednesday, December 2, 9:00 AM-11:30 AM

- Ted Ulrich,  
*The Emergence of the Rhetoric of Hindu-Muslim Strife in India's Independence Movement*
- Jose Abraham,  
*Victimisation and Ghettoisation: A Girardian Reading of Recent Communal Violence in Delhi*
- Anant Rambachan, Saint Olaf College  
*The Legacy of Vinayak Damodar Savarkar Examined*

#### **Responding:**

Michael T. McLaughlin, Old Dominion University

### P2-102

#### Society for Buddhist-Christian Studies

Theme: **Natal and Convert Christians and Buddhists**

Wednesday, December 2, 9:00 AM-12:00 PM

Karen Enriquez, Loyola Marymount University, Presiding

#### **Panelists:**

Carolyn Medine, University of Georgia

Natalie Quli, Institute of Buddhist Studies

Mark Unno, University of Oregon

Andre Van Der Braak, Vrije Universiteit, Amsterdam

### P2-104

#### Society for the Study of Christian Spirituality

Theme: **Presidential Address and Annual Meeting**

Wednesday, December 2, 9:00 AM-12:00 PM

Barbara Quinn, University of San Diego, Presiding

- Timothy Robinson, Brite Divinity School  
*He Talks to Trees! Interpreting Howard Thurman's Nature Mysticism*

### A2-102

#### Academic Relations Committee

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## AAR Virtual Annual Meeting Program (All times listed in EST (UTC-5))

### Theme: **Managing Crises on Campus**

Wednesday, December 2, 11:00 AM-1:00 PM

Susan E. Hill, University of Northern Iowa, Presiding

#### **Panelists:**

Joanne Maguire, University of North Carolina, Charlotte

Brian M. Britt, Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University

Kate McCarthy, California State University Chico

Greg Cootsona, California State University, Chico

### **A2-104**

#### **Baha'i Studies Unit**

##### Theme: **Changing Identities in a Global Society**

Wednesday, December 2, 11:00 AM-1:00 PM

Julia Berger, Baha'i International Community, Presiding

- Layli Maparyan, Wellesley College  
*Planetary Identity and Spiritual Identity: Expanding Human Identity for Global Citizenship*
- Loni Bramson, American Public University System  
*Contrasting Baha'i Paradigms of Womanhood*
- Mikhail Sergeev, Ph.D., University of the Arts  
*The Issue of Self-Identity in Transhumanism and the Bahá'í Writings*
- Shahrzad Sabet, New York University  
*Social Identity and the Oneness of Humankind: Reconciling the Universal With the Particular*

#### **Business Meeting:**

Julia Berger, Baha'i International Community, Presiding

Robert H. Stockman, Indiana University, South Bend, Presiding

### **A2-105**

#### **Bioethics and Religion Unit and Religion and the Social Sciences Unit and Womanist Approaches to Religion and Society Unit**

##### Theme: **Religion, Race, and the Embodied Health and Well-Being of Black Women:**

##### **Bioethics and Womanist Perspectives**

Wednesday, December 2, 11:00 AM-1:00 PM

Terri Laws, University of Michigan - Dearborn, Presiding

- Shaunesse' Jacobs', Boston University  
*Black Maternal Morality as a Health and Humans Rights Issue*
- Darcy Metcalfe, University of Iowa  
*The Rootedness of "White Normativity": Heightened Dangers for Black Women in a New Era of Genetic Technologies*
- Wylin Dassie Wilson, Harvard Medical School  
*A Conceptualization of Womanist Bioethics as a Theoretical and Practical Response to the Black Woman's Health Crisis in the U.S.*
- Leah Lomotey-Nakon, Vanderbilt University

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## AAR Virtual Annual Meeting Program (All times listed in EST (UTC-5))

*Knowing Full Well: Ethics of Care, Womanist Ethics, and the Biomedical Gaze*

### A2-118

#### **Buddhist Pedagogy Seminar**

Theme: **Innovative Techniques for Teaching Buddhism in Modern Classrooms**

Wednesday, December 2, 11:00 AM-1:00 PM

Todd T. Lewis, College of the Holy Cross, Presiding

- Nathan McGovern, University of Wisconsin, Whitewater  
*Teaching Buddhism Alongside Islam in the Intro to Asian Religions Class*
- Elizabeth Guthrie, University of Waterloo  
*North American Religious Studies and "Built Pedagogy"*
- Alyson Prude, Georgia Southern University  
*Engaging Buddhist Ethics to Engage Students*
- Andrew Housiaux, The Tang Institute at Andover  
*Mahāpajāpatī, Misconceptions, and Religious Literacy: Reflections on an Early Buddhist Story*
- Ivory L. Lyons, University of Mount Union  
*The Mandala Project: A Class Activity*

#### **Responding:**

Jonathan Young, California State University, Bakersfield

Ben Van Overmeire, Duke Kunshan University

#### **Business Meeting:**

Gloria I-Ling Chien, Gonzaga University, Presiding

Trung Huynh, University of Houston, Presiding

### A2-106

#### **Confucian Traditions Unit**

Theme: **Confucian Approaches to Education**

Wednesday, December 2, 11:00 AM-1:00 PM

Pauline Lee, Saint Louis University, Presiding

- Naiyi Hsu, Indiana University, Bloomington  
*Taciturn Exemplar: Silence, Speech, and Moral Cultivation in the Lunyu*
- Timothy Gutmann, University of Chicago  
*Exhortations: Mass Education and Confucian Traditions*

#### **Business Meeting:**

Aaron Stalnaker, Indiana University, Presiding

Pauline Lee, Saint Louis University, Presiding

### A2-107

#### **Constructive Muslim Thought and Engaged Scholarship Seminar and Contemporary Islam Unit and Islam, Gender, Women Unit and Islamic Mysticism Unit and Qur'an Unit and Study of Islam Unit**

Theme: **Mentoring and Networking Session**

Wednesday, December 2, 11:00 AM-1:00 PM

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Ilyse Morgenstein Fuerst, University of Vermont, Presiding

Elliott Bazzano, Le Moyne College, Presiding

**Panelists:**

Elliott Bazzano, Le Moyne College

### A2-108

**Cultural History of the Study of Religion Unit and Religion, Affect, and Emotion Unit**

Theme: **I Know the Feeling: Affect in the Academic Guild**

Wednesday, December 2, 11:00 AM-1:00 PM

Amy R Barbour, Garrett-Evangelical Theological Seminary, Presiding

**Panelists:**

Natalie Avalos, University of Colorado, Boulder

Donovan Schaefer, University of Pennsylvania

Samantha Kang, University of California, Santa Barbara

Marvin Wickware, Lutheran School of Theology at Chicago

Joseph Blankholm, University of California, Santa Barbara

**Business Meeting:**

J. Barton Scott, University of Toronto, Presiding

Elizabeth Ann Pritchard, Bowdoin College, Presiding

### A2-109

**Evangelical Studies Unit and SBL Bible and Practical Theology Unit**

Theme: **Evangelical, Biblical, and Political Views on the Election**

Wednesday, December 2, 11:00 AM-1:00 PM

Johnny Ramirez-Johnson, Fuller Theological Seminary, Presiding

- Marie Purcell, Southern Methodist University  
*A Battle Between Good and Evil: Ethnographic Reflections on the Election from First Baptist Dallas*
- Sammy Alfaro, Grand Canyon Theological Seminary  
*Evangélicostal No More: Latinx Pentecostals within US Evangelicalism*
- Anna Hutchinson, University of Birmingham  
*The Role of Theological Education in Evangelical Bible Reading and Interpretation*
- Joul Smith, University of Texas at Arlington  
*"Church Friends": The Precarious Interpretations and Perceptions of Evangelical Christians Upon Trump Policy*

**Business Meeting:**

Jason Sexton, University of California, Los Angeles, Presiding

Vincent Bacote, Wheaton College, Illinois, Presiding

### A2-119

**Exploratory Sessions**

Theme: **Expanding the Guild: Why Video Games Matter for the Study of Religion & Vice Versa**

Wednesday, December 2, 11:00 AM-1:00 PM

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## AAR Virtual Annual Meeting Program (All times listed in EST (UTC-5))

John Borchert, Syracuse University, Presiding

- Jason Anthony, Brooklyn, NY  
*The Divine Game: The Challenge of Holy Play, Game as Ritual, and The Design Of The "Ten-Year Game"*
- Gregory Grieve, University of North Carolina, Greensboro  
*Beyond Belief: How a Video Game's Procedural Rhetoric Models How Rituals Make Arguments*
- Owen Gottlieb, Rochester Institute of Technology  
Dheepa Sundaram, University of Denver  
*Integrating and Negotiating the Globalizing of Religion in the Mobile Video Game Florence*
- Kerstin Radde-Antweiler, University of Bremen  
*"No One is Forced To Join a Cult": Researching the Mediatization Of Religion from The Perspective Of Game and Religious Studies*

**Responding:**

Deborah Whitehead, University of Colorado

### A2-110

#### Hindu Philosophy Unit

Theme: **Ways of Knowing (I): Debating Perception**

Wednesday, December 2, 11:00 AM-1:00 PM

Nalini Bhushan, Smith College, Presiding

- Alex Watson, Ashoka University  
*Do the Perceptions of Non-Enlightened People Weigh in Favor of, or Against, Momentariness?*
- Jeffery D. Long, Elizabethtown College  
*Vijñāna as a Pramāṇa: The Experiential Foundation of Sri Ramakrishna's Religious Pluralism*

**Responding:**

Rosanna Picascia, Swarthmore College

Chakravarthi Ram-Prasad, Lancaster University

### A2-111

#### Japanese Religions Unit and Society for the Study of Japanese Religions

Theme: **Shinto Epistemologies in Global Perspective: Rethinking Gender, Nation, and Ritual**

Wednesday, December 2, 11:00 AM-1:00 PM

Jolyon Thomas, University of Pennsylvania, Presiding

- Levi McLaughlin, North Carolina State University  
*Uses of "Shinto" in Nippon Kaigi: Coming to Terms with an Elusive Category*
- Dana Mirsalis, Harvard University  
*"What's the Value of Female Priests?": Discourses on the Gendered Priesthood in Postwar Shinto*
- Aike Rots,

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*Shinto Kami Are Not Special: Methodological Nationalism, Translatability, and the Necessity of Intra-Asian Comparison*

- Kaitlyn Ugoretz, University of California, Santa Barbara

*Altared Ontologies: Sacred Anxieties in the Glocalization of Shinto Traditions*

### **Responding:**

Helen Hardacre, Harvard University

### **Business Meeting:**

Asuka Sango, Carleton College, Presiding

Levi McLaughlin, North Carolina State University, Presiding

### **A2-112**

#### **Law, Religion, and Culture Unit**

Theme: **Women with 2020 Vision: Boston and the 100th Anniversary of Women's Suffrage**

Wednesday, December 2, 11:00 AM-1:00 PM

Jeanne Stevenson-Moessner, Southern Methodist University, Presiding

#### **Panelists:**

Barbara McClure, Brite Divinity School

Teresa Snorton, The CME Church

Kimberly Detherage,

Sophia S. Park, Neumann University

Insook Lee, New York Theological Seminary

Francesca Nuzzolese, Eastern University

Beth Toler, Moravian Theological Seminary

Michelle Oberwise Lacock, Advocate Aurora Health Care

Angelique Walker-Smith, Bread for the World

### **A2-103**

#### **Public Understanding of Religion Committee**

Theme: **Religious Literacy and K-12 Education: Opportunities for Successful**

#### **Partnerships**

Wednesday, December 2, 11:00 AM-1:00 PM

Vincent Biondo, Humboldt State University, Presiding

#### **Panelists:**

Michael Graziano, University of Northern Iowa

Diane L. Moore, Harvard University

Gayle Pagnoni, Rice Univ

Kate Soules, Boston College

Celene Ibrahim, Groton School

### **A2-113**

#### **Religion and Politics Unit**

Theme: **New Directions in the Religious Left and the Religious Right**

Wednesday, December 2, 11:00 AM-1:00 PM

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## AAR Virtual Annual Meeting Program (All times listed in EST (UTC-5))

Katharine Batlan, University of Alberta, Augustana, Presiding

- Chad Moore, Boston University  
*Reconsidering the Rise of the Religious Right: A Reexamination of Three Unstable Footings Supporting Traditional Narratives of the Rise of the Religious Right*
- Isaac Sharp, Union Theological Seminary  
*The \*Other\* Evangelicals: Complicating Canonical Histories of 20th Century U.S. American Evangelicalism*
- L. Benjamin Rolsky, Rutgers University  
*The Religious Left: A History, and a Reckoning*
- Stephen Waldron, Boston University  
*U.S. Denominational Beliefs and Political Affiliations from the Perspective of Moral Foundations Theory*
- Hannah Waits, Harvard University  
*Missionaries and Failed Missionaries: The Shifting Politics of US Evangelicals and Ex-evangelicals*

### A2-114

#### **Religion, Colonialism, and Postcolonialism Unit and Theology and Religious Reflection Unit**

Theme: **Hong Kong Protests and Political Theology**

Wednesday, December 2, 11:00 AM-1:00 PM

Pui Lan Kwok, Candler School of Theology, Presiding

#### **Panelists:**

Siu Pun Ho, The Chinese University of Hong Kong

Shin-Fung Hung, Duke University

Albert Sui-Hung Lee, Evangel Seminary

Francis Ching-Wah Yip, Chinese University of Hong Kong

Nami Kim, Spelman College

Sharon Welch, Meadville Lombard Theological School

### A2-115

#### **Space, Place, and Religion Unit**

Theme: **Methodology in the Study of Space, Place, and Religion**

Wednesday, December 2, 11:00 AM-1:00 PM

Katie Oxx, Saint Joseph's University, Presiding

- Kendall Marchman, University of Georgia  
*Using Online Travel Reviews to Understand Religious Places*
- Daniel Murray, McGill University  
*Big Spaces and Little Places: Integrating Mapping and Fieldwork in the Study of Religion in China*
- Amidu Elabo, Princeton Theological Seminary  
*Ancestral Land Rights, Indigeneity and the Concerns of De-spatializing the Identity of Jos North*
- Madeline Gambino, Princeton University

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## AAR Virtual Annual Meeting Program (All times listed in EST (UTC-5))

*"Ripping the Heart Out": Methodological Approaches to Parish Closures in Catholic Philadelphia*

### **Business Meeting:**

Susan L. Graham, Saint Peter's University, Presiding  
Brooke Schedneck, Rhodes College, Presiding

### **A2-116**

#### **Study of Judaism Unit and SBL Jewish Christianity/Christian Judaism Unit**

Theme: **Loving Judaism Through Christianity? A Roundtable Discussion of Shaul Magid's R. Elijah Zvi Soloveitchik's Commentary on the Gospels (Yale University Press, 2019)**

Wednesday, December 2, 11:00 AM-1:00 PM

#### **Panelists:**

Randi Rashkover, George Mason University  
Eric Gregory, Princeton University  
Sarit Kattan Gribetz, Princeton University  
Matt Jackson-McCabe, Cleveland State University  
Eliyahu Stern, Yale University

#### **Responding:**

Shaul Magid, Dartmouth College

### **A2-117**

#### **Teaching Religion Unit**

Theme: **Intentional Tech: A Conversation about Teaching, Learning, and Technology**

Wednesday, December 2, 11:00 AM-1:00 PM

Kathleen Fisher, Assumption College, Presiding

- Peter M. Romaskiewicz, University of California, Santa Barbara  
*New School Tech in the Old School Religious Studies Classroom: Thinking Through Derek Bruff's \*Intentional Tech\**
- Kelsey Lambright, Princeton Theological Seminary  
*Keyboards and Culture Change: Implementing Digital Technology for Enhanced Learning at a Residential Seminary*
- Beverley Foulks McGuire, University of North Carolina, Wilmington  
*Creating Learning Communities and Addressing Authentic Audiences Through ePortfolios*
- Erika Nelson, Vanderbilt University  
*Promoting Critical Historical Learning Through Online Annotation Technology*

#### **Business Meeting:**

David B. Howell, Ferrum College, Presiding  
Molly Bassett, Georgia State University, Presiding

### **A2-120**

#### **Women's Caucus**

Theme: **Re-Engaging Praxis Through Publication: New Books on Gender and Religion**

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## AAR Virtual Annual Meeting Program (All times listed in EST (UTC-5))

Wednesday, December 2, 11:00 AM-1:00 PM

Deborah Fulthorp, Grand Canyon University, Presiding

- Christina Garcia Lopez Lopez, University of San Francisco  
*Calling the Soul Back: Embodied Spirituality in Chicanx Narrative*
- Courtney Pace, Memphis Seminary  
*Freedom Faith: The Womanist Vision of Prathia Hall*
- Amanda Benckhuysen, Calvin Theological Seminary  
*The Gospel According to Eve: A History of Women's Interpretation*
- Chanequa Walker-Barnes, Mercer University  
*I Bring the Voices of My People: A Womanist Vision of Racial Reconciliation*
- Jill Peterfeso, Guilford College  
*It's Not You; it's Them: Escaping Bad Publishing Relationships and Re-Respecting Your Project*

### A2-200

**Academic Labor and Contingent Faculty Committee**

Theme: **Meet with a Union Rep Discussion on Contingent Faculty and Related Labor Issues**

Wednesday, December 2, 1:45 PM-3:15 PM

Kerry Danner, Georgetown University, Presiding

Elizabeth Lemons, Tufts University, Presiding

### A2-202

**African Religions Unit and Body and Religion Unit**

Theme: **Embodiment of African Religions**

Wednesday, December 2, 1:45 PM-3:15 PM

Wesley Barker, Mercer University, Presiding

- Georgette Ledgister, Emory University  
*Wrestling the Spirits: 'Catch Fétiche' and Congolese Women's Embodiment of Ritual Power*
- Douglas Bafford, Brandeis University  
*African Bodies Out of Place: Evangelical Discourses of Material Religion in Contemporary South Africa*

### A2-203

**Christian Systematic Theology Unit**

Theme: **Metaphysical and Pragmatic Perspectives on Participation and the Church**

Wednesday, December 2, 1:45 PM-3:15 PM

Natalie Carnes, Baylor University, Presiding

- Joanna Leidenhag, University of St Andrews  
*Participatory Metaphysics and the Corporate Body of Christ: Participation in the Theology of Gottfried von Leibniz and Dietrich Bonhoeffer*
- Alex Fogleman, Baylor University

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## AAR Virtual Annual Meeting Program (All times listed in EST (UTC-5))

*Participation and the Church as \_Totus Christus\_: Nicene Responses to Contemporary Criticisms*

- Rory Misiewicz, Eastern University  
*Semiotic "Withing": Recovering a Theory of Signs Through Bonaventure, Aquinas, John of St. Thomas for a Concept of Participation*

### **A2-204**

#### **Comparative Theology Unit**

Theme: **The Whence, Whither, and Wherefore of Comparative Theology: A Conversation Across Generations, Schools, Traditions, and Continents**

Wednesday, December 2, 1:45 PM-3:15 PM

Catherine Cornille, Boston College, Presiding

#### **Panelists:**

Katie Mahowski Mylroie, Boston College

Jerusha Rhodes, Union Theological Seminary

Bin Song, Washington College

Axel Marc Oaks Takacs, Seton Hall University

Bethany Slater, Boston College

Nougoutna Litoing, Harvard University

Daniel Soars, University of Cambridge

David Maayan, Boston College

Yongho Francis Lee, Pontifical University Antonianum, Rome

#### **Responding:**

Francis X. Clooney, Harvard University

### **A2-205**

#### **Critical Theory and Discourses on Religion Unit and Religion, Colonialism, and Postcolonialism Unit**

Theme: **Author Meets Critics: J. Brent Crosson's Experiments with Power: Obeah and the Remaking of Religion (University of Chicago Press, 2020)**

Wednesday, December 2, 1:45 PM-3:15 PM

Chad Seales, University of Texas, Presiding

#### **Panelists:**

Rachel Cantave, Swarthmore College

N. Fadeke Castor, Northeastern University

Brendan Jamal Thornton, University of North Carolina

Funlayo Easter Wood, African and Diasporic Religious Studies Association

#### **Responding:**

Alexander Rocklin, Otterbein University

J. Crosson, University of Texas

### **A2-206**

#### **Evangelical Studies Unit**

Theme: **Evangelical Political Identities**

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## AAR Virtual Annual Meeting Program (All times listed in EST (UTC-5))

Wednesday, December 2, 1:45 PM-3:15 PM

Jason Sexton, University of California, Los Angeles, Presiding

- Emma Long, University of East Anglia  
*Lobbying for the Lord: The National Association of Evangelicals and Post-war Evangelical Political Activism*
- Thomas Seat, Princeton Theological Seminary  
*Religious and Political: A Study of Evangelical Identities During the Cold War*
- Caleb Brown, Regent's Park College, the University of Oxford  
*Liberty University and the Ecological Import of "Fill the Earth, and Subdue it": A Dialogue Between Two Nexus of Evangelical Identities*

### Responding:

Vincent Bacote, Wheaton College, Illinois

### A2-207

#### Indian and Chinese Religions Compared Unit

Theme: **Narrative Crossing: From Literary to Visual Arts**

Wednesday, December 2, 1:45 PM-3:15 PM

Gudrun Buhnemann, University of Wisconsin, Presiding

- Albert Welter, University of Arizona  
*An Indian Buddhist Imaginaire in Hangzhou China and the Transformation of East Asian Buddhism*
- Dessislava Vendova, Columbia University  
*Bodily Characteristics and Four Distinct Types of Identities in the Buddha's Last Life*
- Yi Ding, Stanford University  
*From Blood Sacrifice to Bloodless Sacrifice: The Buddhist Rhetoric of Ritual Supersession and Its Reception in Medieval China*

### Business Meeting:

Dan Lusthaus, Harvard University, Presiding

Karen O'Brien-Kop, University of Roehampton, Presiding

### A2-208

#### Music and Religion Unit

Theme: **Book Panel on Alisha Lola Jones' *Flaming?: The Peculiar Theopolitics of Fire and Desire in Black Male Gospel Performance* (Oxford University Press, 2020)**

Wednesday, December 2, 1:45 PM-3:15 PM

Alisha L. Jones, Indiana University, Presiding

### Panelists:

Ahmad Greene-Hayes, Princeton University

Josef Sorett, Columbia University

Quincy Rineheart, Chicago Theological Seminary

Braxton Shelley, Harvard University

### A2-209

#### Nineteenth Century Theology Unit

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## AAR Virtual Annual Meeting Program (All times listed in EST (UTC-5))

### Theme: **Women Shaping Theology and Religion in the Nineteenth Century: II**

Wednesday, December 2, 1:45 PM-3:15 PM

Hans Schwarz, University of Regensburg, Presiding

- Ashley Reed, Virginia Tech  
*The Fictional Medium: Spiritualism and Women's Religious Authority in Elizabeth Oakes Smith's \*Bertha and Lily\**
- Lydia Willsky-Ciollo, Fairfield University  
*"Practicing Self-Culture in Community: Caroline Dall and Historical Pictures Retouched"*
- Michael Putnam, Brown University  
*Zitkala-Ša and the Politics of Paganism*

#### **Responding:**

Ann Braude, Harvard University

#### **Business Meeting:**

Sheila Briggs, University of Southern California, Presiding

Zachary Purvis, University of Göttingen, Presiding

### **A2-210**

#### **Open and Relational Theologies Unit**

Theme: **Moral Injury, Interdependence, and Nature: Open & Relational Perspectives**

Wednesday, December 2, 1:45 PM-3:15 PM

Elaine Padilla, University of La Verne, Presiding

- Rebecca Copeland, Boston University  
*The Goodness of Dependence: A Relational Corrective to Myths of Nature*
- Allison Covey, Villanova University  
*Relationality, Moral Injury, and Religious Community Among Women in Animal Rights Activism*

#### **Responding:**

Sharon V. Betcher, Langley, WA

### **A2-211**

#### **Religion and Ecology Unit**

Theme: **Looking Back to Move Forward: The Legacies of McFague, Edwards, and Ruether**

Wednesday, December 2, 1:45 PM-3:15 PM

Kimberly Carfore, University of San Francisco, Presiding

- Jim Robinson, Fordham University  
*Spiraling into Wider Justice: The Life, Legacy, and Insights of Rosemary Radford Ruether*
- James Dechant, Fordham University  
*Two Savvy Australians: Denis Edwards and Anthony Kelly on the Task of Human Knowing in an Ecological Age*
- Tim Middleton, University of Oxford

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## AAR Virtual Annual Meeting Program (All times listed in EST (UTC-5))

*The Wounded Body of God: A Theology of Ecological Trauma and the Legacy of Sallie McFague*

### A2-212

#### Religion and Politics Unit

Theme: **Book Panel: Christ and the Common Life: Political Theology and the Case for Democracy (Eerdmans, 2019) by Luke Bretherton; Faith in American Public Life (Baylor, 2019) by Melissa Rogers**

Wednesday, December 2, 1:45 PM-3:15 PM

John D. Carlson, Arizona State University, Presiding

#### Panelists:

Amir Hussain, Loyola Marymount University

Richard L. Wood, University of New Mexico

#### Responding:

Melissa Rogers, Wake Forest University

Luke Bretherton, Duke University

### A2-213

#### Religion and Sexuality Unit

Theme: **Queer Cases of Transition**

Wednesday, December 2, 1:45 PM-3:15 PM

Bee Scherer, INCISE - Intersectional Centre for Inclusion and Social Justice, Presiding

- Haley Petersen, University of North Carolina  
*Trans Macabre: Reproduction and Wrath in Koji Suzuki's "Ring" Series*
- Sarah Riccardi-Swartz, New York University  
*The Queer Case of Father Seraphim Rose: Conversion, Homophobia, and Masculine Spirituality in the Russian Orthodox Church*
- Lynne Gerber, Independent Scholar  
*Gay Refugees and the Gay Church: Homonationalism, the Metropolitan Community Church, and the Resettlement of Gay/Lesbian Marielitos*

#### Responding:

Claudia Schippert, University of Central Florida

#### Business Meeting:

Nina Hoel, University of Oslo, Presiding

Jennifer S. Leath, Iliff School of Theology, Presiding

### A2-201

#### Teaching and Learning Committee

Theme: **Online Education as a Social Justice Issue**

Wednesday, December 2, 1:45 PM-3:15 PM

Amy Hale, Atlanta, GA, Presiding

#### Panelists:

Matthew Bingley, Georgia State University

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Mary E. Hess, Luther Seminary

### A2-214

#### Tibetan and Himalayan Religions Unit

Theme: **Padmasambhava's Traces**

Wednesday, December 2, 1:45 PM-3:15 PM

Dominique Townsend, Bard College, Presiding

- Jacob Dalton, University of California, Berkeley  
*Padmasambhava in the Tibetan Canon (Bstan 'gyur)*
- Benjamin Bogin, Skidmore College  
*Blazing Transformation: Dorjé Drolö's Geographic Embodiment*
- Jue Liang, Denison University  
*The Guru's Beautiful Body: The (Ir)relevance of Attractiveness and Masculinity in Tantric Consortship*
- Kurtis Schaeffer, University of Virginia  
*The Eleven Acts of Padmasambhava*

### A2-215

#### Women's Caucus

Theme: **Women's Religious Biographies – A Call to Action: Raising Up the Marginalized Voices and Contributions of Women in the Academy**

Wednesday, December 2, 1:45 PM-3:15 PM

Mary Hamlen, Harvard University, Presiding

- Jonathon Eder, Mary Baker Eddy Library  
*Florence Alden Gragg – Groundbreaking Translator of a Renaissance Pope*
- Julia Berger, Baha'i International Community  
*Biography of Dr. Azza Karam*
- Kimberly Carter, California Institute of Integral Studies  
*Biography of Dr. Chenequa Walker-Barnes*
- Carolyn Bratnober, Columbia University  
*Biography of the Rev. Dr. Traci West*
- Karma Lekshe Tsomo, University of San Diego  
*Biography of Buddhist Scholar Paula Robinson Kane Arai*
- Deborah Fulthorp, Grand Canyon University  
*"Dr. Carolyn Tennant, Prophet and Mystic at the Helm of Pentecostal Education: A Ballast in the Current of Change"*
- Janice Poss, Claremont Graduate University  
*Marginalized Leader: Sr. Mary Milligan, R.S.H.M.*
- Rosalind F. Hinton, LAOUTLOUD  
*Stephanie Y. Mitchem: The R/evolutionary Brain in the Academy*

#### Responding:

Colleen D. Hartung, 1000 Women in Religion Wikipedia Project

Wednesday, December 2, 4:00 PM-5:30 PM

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### **A2-301**

#### **Afro-American Religious History Unit**

Theme: **From Sun Ra to Grace Jones: A Roundtable on African-American Performers and Religious Identity**

Wednesday, December 2, 4:00 PM-5:30 PM

Tobin Shearer, University of Montana, Presiding

Alexis S. Wells-Oghoghomeh, Vanderbilt University, Presiding

#### **Panelists:**

Vaughn Booker, Dartmouth College

Judith Casselberry, Bowdoin College

Brett Grainger, Villanova University

Matthew Harris, University of California, Santa Barbara

M. Cooper Harriss, Indiana University

#### **Business Meeting:**

Tobin Shearer, University of Montana, Presiding

Alexis S. Wells-Oghoghomeh, Vanderbilt University, Presiding

### **A2-302**

#### **Religion and Politics Unit**

Theme: **Weaponizing Religious Authenticity: Religious Freedom and National Identity Across the Pacific Divide**

Wednesday, December 2, 4:00 PM-5:30 PM

Tisa Wenger, Yale University, Presiding

#### **Panelists:**

Jolyon Thomas, University of Pennsylvania

K. Healan Gaston, Harvard University

Carleigh Beriont, Harvard University

Jason Josephson-Storm, Williams College

### **A2-303**

#### **Christian Spirituality Unit**

Theme: **Apocalyptic Spirituality**

Wednesday, December 2, 4:00 PM-5:30 PM

Leonard McMahan, Graduate Theological Union, Presiding

- Aline Lewis, Graduate Theological Union  
*The Apocalyptic Spirituality of Anne Wentworth*
- Derek Taylor, Whitworth University  
*Bonhoeffer's Spirituality in a World Come of Age: Practicing Christ's Apocalypse as the World Warms*

### **A2-304**

#### **Contemporary Pagan Studies Unit**

Theme: **Diverse Perspectives on Heathenry**

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Wednesday, December 2, 4:00 PM-5:30 PM

Damon Berry, St. Lawrence University, Presiding

- Barbara Jane Davy, University of Waterloo  
*Sacrifice and Feast in Heathen Blót and Húsel*
- Fredrik Gregorius, Linköping University  
*The Landscape of the Gods: Scandinavian Heathenism and the Role of Cultural Memories*
- Bran Stigile-Wright, GTU  
*Social Destruction, Social Purpose: Narratives of Trans Identity in American Heathenry*

### **Business Meeting:**

Amy Hale, Atlanta, GA, Presiding

Damon Berry, St. Lawrence University, Presiding

### **A2-305**

#### **Kierkegaard, Religion, and Culture Unit**

Theme: **Kierkegaard, the Problem of Patriarchy, and Related Social Ills, Part 2**

Wednesday, December 2, 4:00 PM-5:30 PM

Aaron Edwards, Cliff College, Presiding

- Frances Maughan-Brown, College of the Holy Cross  
*Without Authority: Kierkegaard's Resistance to Patriarchy*
- Thomas Millay, Baylor University  
*An Equal Chance to Make Our Lives Miserable: Kierkegaard's Paradoxical Feminism*
- Troy Wellington Smith, University of California, Berkeley  
*Material Traces of a Kierkegaardian Confrontation with the Patriarchy*

### **Business Meeting:**

Lee Barrett, Lancaster Theological Seminary, Presiding

Jennifer Veninga, St. Edwards University, Presiding

### **A2-306**

#### **Moral Injury and Recovery in Religion, Society, and Culture Unit**

Theme: **Moral Injury and Sexual/Gender Violence**

Wednesday, December 2, 4:00 PM-5:30 PM

Gabriella Lettini, Starr King School- GTU, Presiding

- Kate Jackson-Meyer, Boston College  
*Institutional Moral Injury: A Facet of Harm Caused by Sexual Abuse in the Roman Catholic Church*
- Jeehyun Baek,  
*Rethinking the Theological Task of Grieving and Resistance from Korean Yanggongju's Experience of Wartime Sexual Violence*
- Timothy Jones, La Trobe University  
*Spiritual Harm and Recovery from LGBT Conversion Practices*

### **Business Meeting:**

Zachary Moon, Chicago Theological Seminary, Presiding

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### A2-308

#### Platonism and Neoplatonism Unit

Theme: **Eros and Ascent**

Wednesday, December 2, 4:00 PM-5:30 PM

Derek Michaud, University of Maine, Presiding

- Ryan Darr, Princeton University  
*Two Visions of Eros in Cambridge Platonism: Henry More and Ralph Cudworth*
- Michael Ennis, Harvard Divinity School  
*Mary, Divinization, and the Ascent to God*
- Louis Ruprecht, Georgia State University  
*Anne Carson and the Poetics of Erotic Ascent*
- Daniel Fishley, McGill University  
*Beauty In J.R.R. Tolkien's The Silmarillion: A Neoplatonic Reading*

#### Business Meeting:

Kevin Corrigan, Emory University, Presiding

### A2-309

#### Practical Theology Unit

Theme: **Decoloniality, Religious Practices, and Practical Theology**

Wednesday, December 2, 4:00 PM-5:30 PM

Courtney T. Goto, Boston University, Presiding

- Daniel Hauge, Boston University  
*Comfortable White Affect as Colonial Practice, and the Oppressive Power of Norms*
- Linwood Blizzard, Virginia Union University  
*Expanding the Theological Voice of the Ancestors: The Body and Embodied Collective Memory as Epistemology for Pedagogies in Introducing Post-Colonial Theological Inquiry*
- Katherine Kunz, University of Basel  
*Offering "A Piece of Home" to Asylum-Seekers in Switzerland: Possibilities for Decolonizing Church Outreach*
- Britta Meiers Carlson, Boston University  
*Striving to Be Mainline: White Performativity as a Barrier to Equity and Diversity in U.S. Progressive Christian Denominations*

#### Responding:

Christine Hong, Columbia Theological Seminary

#### Business Meeting:

Christian Scharen, Mr., Presiding

### A2-310

#### Religion and Politics Unit and Space, Place, and Religion Unit

Theme: **The Space of the State**

Wednesday, December 2, 4:00 PM-5:30 PM

Susan L. Graham, Saint Peter's University, Presiding

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- Timothy Grieve-Carlson, Rice University  
*Contact Zone: Supernature and the State in the Big Thicket*
- Isaiah Ellis, University of North Carolina  
*The Path of Improvement: Religion, Politics, and Labor in Transit.*
- Gareth Fisher, Syracuse University  
*Buddhist Religious Activity Sites: The Evolution of State-Controlled Religious Space in China*
- Joanne Punzo Waghorne, Syracuse University  
*State Cosmology, Gurus, and the Re-making of Singapore*

### **Responding:**

Samuel Kigar, University of Puget Sound

### **A2-311**

#### **Religion in South Asia Unit**

Theme: **The Implications of Being Earnest: Sincerity in South Asian Contexts**

Wednesday, December 2, 4:00 PM-5:30 PM

Sophia Nasti, Harvard University, Presiding

- Shiv Subramaniam, Columbia  
*Learning to Read Earnestly*
- Meghan Hartman, University of Virginia  
*Sincere Scholarship: Miraji's Cultivation of Earnestness and Theory of Translation*
- Kenneth Valpey, Oxford Centre for Hindu Studies  
*Earnestness in Hearing and Reading the Bhāgavata Purāṇa*
- Seth Ligo, Duke University  
*The Importance of Bhairava's Earnestness*

### **Responding:**

James Reich, Pace University

### **Business Meeting:**

Jennifer Ortegren, Middlebury College, Presiding

Sarah Pierce Taylor, University of Chicago, Presiding

### **A2-312**

#### **Religion, Film, and Visual Culture Unit**

Theme: **Gaming the System: Death, Memory, and Community in Video Gaming Culture**

Wednesday, December 2, 4:00 PM-5:30 PM

Jennifer Caplan, Towson University, Presiding

- John Borchert, Syracuse University  
*"Re-Presenting Death in Video Games: "That Dragon, Cancer" and Christian Images of Suffering and Grief"*
- Daniel Wyche, University of Chicago  
*The Lonely Goddess: Religion, Memory, and History in The Legend of Zelda: Breath of the Wild*
- William Chavez, University of California, Santa Barbara  
Jeremy Hanes, University of California, Santa Barbara

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*"Choose Your Destiny!": Approaching the Mortal Kombat Gaming Culture as Religion*

### **A2-313**

#### **Sikh Studies Unit**

Theme: **Sikh Approaches to Gender, Embodiment, and Space**

Wednesday, December 2, 4:00 PM-5:30 PM

Nikky Singh, Colby College, Presiding

#### **Panelists:**

Anneeth Kaur Hundle, University of California, Irvine

Francesca Cassio, Hofstra University

Robin Rinehart, Lafayette College

Nirinjan Khalsa, Loyola Marymount University

#### **Business Meeting:**

Michael Hawley, Mount Royal University, Presiding

Nirinjan Khalsa, Loyola Marymount University, Presiding

### **A2-300**

#### **Student Lounge Roundtable**

Theme: **Advocate for Yourself Instead of Fighting Yourself: Succeeding in Graduate School with as a Neurodivergent Scholar**

Wednesday, December 2, 4:00 PM-5:30 PM

Aarti Patel, Syracuse University, Presiding

#### **Panelists:**

Andrea Scardina, University of Iowa

### **A2-314**

#### **Teaching Religion Unit**

Theme: **Teaching after Traumatic Events**

Wednesday, December 2, 4:00 PM-5:30 PM

Kate DeConinck, University of San Diego, Presiding

- Katherine Janiec Jones, Wofford College  
*Teaching After Traumatic Events: 9/11's Indelible Landscape*
- Christopher Jones, Washburn University  
*"But Everybody Got Gede": Studying Vodou in the Midst of Shared Trauma*
- Michelle Wolff, Augustana College  
*Killjoys and Myth-Busters: Uses of Affect for Pedagogy*

### **A2-315**

#### **Women and Religion Unit**

Theme: **The Importance of Engaged Feminist Scholarship: A Cross-Disciplinary Discussion of Juliane Hammer's recent book, *Peaceful Families: American Muslim Efforts Against Domestic Violence* (Princeton University Press, 2019)**

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Brittany Landorf, Emory University, Presiding

**Panelists:**

Kayla Rene Wheeler, Grand Valley State University

Saadia Yacoob, Williams College

Traci C. West, Drew University

Juliane Hammer, University of North Carolina At Chapel Hill

**A2-316**

**Yogācāra Studies Unit**

Theme: **Text Panel: Yogācāra in Dharmakīrti: \_Pramāṇavārttika\_ 3.194–224**

Wednesday, December 2, 4:00 PM-5:30 PM

John Dunne, University of Wisconsin, Presiding

**Panelists:**

Nilanjan Das, University College London

Catherine Prueitt, University of British Columbia

Davey Tomlinson, Villanova University

Alexander Yiannopoulos, Emory University

Smriti Khanal, Harvard University

**A2-307**

**Philosophy of Religion Unit and Secularism and Secularity Unit**

Theme: **\*Hope in a Secular Age\* Book Panel (Cambridge University Press, 2020)**

Wednesday, December 2, 4:00 PM-6:00 PM

Martin Kavka, Florida State University, Presiding

**Panelists:**

Sarah Coakley, University of Cambridge

Noreen Khawaja, Yale University

Andrew Prevot, Boston College

Sarah Hammerschlag, University of Chicago

**Responding:**

David Newheiser, Australian Catholic University

**Business Meeting:**

Lucia Hulsether, Skidmore College, Presiding

Bradley Onishi, Skidmore College, Presiding

## AAR Virtual Annual Meeting Program (All times listed in EST (UTC-5))

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### A3-100

#### Daoist Studies Unit

Theme: **Mountains, Cliffs, and Inscriptions: Explorations in Daoist Epigraphy**

Thursday, December 3, 9:00 AM-10:30 AM

Raz Gil,, Presiding

- Wen Lei, Institute of History, Chinese Academy of Social Sciences  
*The Abbey Celebrating the Tang 慶唐觀: Representation and Evolution of a Sacred Site from the Tang Dynasty*
- Jie Zhou, Alliance Theological Seminary  
*Art, Religion and Heritage: Multiple Identities of Daoist Cliff Statues in Dazu Nanshan*
- Jonathan Pettit, University of Hawaii  
*Parallel Worlds: Hagiographic Juxtaposition in Early Daoist Stele Monuments*

### P3-100

#### Colloquium on Violence and Religion

Theme: **Beyond Scapegoats: Marginalized Voices in Conversation with René Girard**

Thursday, December 3, 9:00 AM-11:00 AM

Grant Kaplan, Saint Louis University, Presiding

- Julia Robinson Moore,  
*Mimetic Theory through the Voices of the Little Rock Nine: Black Scapegoats in the Desegregation of Central High School, 1957-1958*
- Martha Reineke, University of Northern Iowa  
*An Escalation to Extremes: Purity Spirals and Victimization*
- Chelsea King, University of Notre Dame  
*Girard, the Feminist? Bringing Mimetic Theory into Dialogue with Feminist Critiques of Sacrifice*
- James Alison,  
*Title Forthcoming*

### A3-101

#### Academic Labor and Contingent Faculty Committee

Theme: **Reports from the Field: COVID and Contingency**

Thursday, December 3, 11:00 AM-1:00 PM

Kerry Danner, Georgetown University, Presiding

Edwin David Aponte, Louisville Institute, Presiding

### A3-102

#### Applied Religious Studies Committee

Theme: **Another Plan A: Religious Studies Education and Careers Beyond the Academy**

Thursday, December 3, 11:00 AM-1:00 PM

Cristine Hutchison-Jones, Harvard University, Presiding

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### Panelists:

Gina Cogan, Boston University  
Walker Bristol, Tufts University  
Casey Crosbie, Claremont School of Theology  
Zahra Jamal, Rice University  
Eric Lewis Williams, Smithsonian National Museum of African American History & Culture

### A3-104

#### Arts, Literature, and Religion Unit

Theme: **Cross-Disciplinary Approaches to Samuel Bak's Paintings, Holocaust Memory, and Icons of Loss**

Thursday, December 3, 11:00 AM-1:00 PM

Kate E. Temoney, Montclair State University, Presiding

- Mark Celinscak, University of Nebraska  
*Religious Iconography in the Art of Samuel Bak*
- Gary A. Phillips, Wabash College  
*Beauty, Barbarity, and Bak: Aesthetics of Loss and the Art of Tikkun Olam*
- Isabelle Mutton, University of Exeter  
*Loss, Redemption and the Star of David: The Artwork of Samuel Bak and Daniel Libeskind's Canadian National Holocaust Monument*
- David Tollerton, University of Exeter  
*Multidirectionalizing Memory: Samuel Bak, British Holocaust Education, and Jewish-Christian Relations*

### Responding:

Samuel Bak,

### Business Meeting:

Zhang Ni, Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University, Presiding

Pamela D. Winfield, Elon University, Presiding

### A3-105

#### Bioethics and Religion Unit and Ethics Unit

Theme: **The Plague of Darkness: Ethics, Justice, and Faith in the COVID -19 Pandemic**

Thursday, December 3, 11:00 AM-1:00 PM

Laurie Zoloth, University of Chicago, Presiding

### Panelists:

Jeffrey P. Bishop, Saint Louis University  
Gaymon L. Bennett, Arizona State University  
Steven D. Kepnes, Colgate University  
Marc Lipsitc, Harvard University  
Stephen Zoloth,  
Laurie Garrett, Princeton

### A3-106

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## AAR Virtual Annual Meeting Program (All times listed in EST (UTC-5))

### **Black Theology Unit**

Theme: **Undying Love: Black Theology and Anti-Colonial Movements**

Thursday, December 3, 11:00 AM-1:00 PM

Michele Watkins, University of San Diego, Presiding

- Joshua Bartholomew, Harvard University  
*Black Theology and The Black Panthers: A Methodologically Womanist Consideration of Praxis*
- Juan Floyd-Thomas, Vanderbilt University  
*Black Liberation Theology and the "Black Manifesto": Reflections on Race, Racial Injustice, and Religion a Half-Century Later*
- R. Nick Peterson, Emory University  
*Towards a Theological Liberation of Care in Lena Waithe's Film "Queen and Slim"*

### **Responding:**

Jawanza Eric Clark, Manhattan College

### **A3-107**

#### **Buddhism Unit**

Theme: **The Business of Asceticism during the Long 1st Millennium CE**

Thursday, December 3, 11:00 AM-1:00 PM

Oliver Freiberger, University of Texas, Austin, Presiding

- Matthew Milligan, Trinity University  
*Consuming the Robes: Buddhist Monasticism as Brand*
- Johan Elverskog, Southern Methodist University  
*No-Self, Money, and Status*
- Alice Collett, York St John University  
*Are Women Bad for Business? The Advent of Gender Segregation in Buddhist Monasticism*
- Nicholas Witkowski, Nanyang Technological University  
*Caste, Impurity, and Monastic Norms in the Business of Cemetery Asceticism: The Economics of the Impure Vocations Within the Buddhist Monastery*
- Julie Hanlon, University of Chicago  
*Capitalizing on Donations: Economy of Practices at Early Jain Monastic Sites in South India*
- Justin Henry, Georgia College & State University  
*South Indian Diplomatic Buddhism at the Close of the Long First Millennium*

### **A3-108**

#### **Cognitive Science of Religion Unit**

Theme: **Current Theories and Applications of the Cognitive Science of Religion**

Thursday, December 3, 11:00 AM-1:00 PM

Jed Forman, University of California, Santa Barbara, Presiding

- Jason N. Blum, Davidson College  
*CSR, Theory, and the Truth of Religious Belief*
- John Teehan, Hofstra University

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*Enactive Cognition, Complex Systems, and Religion as Adaptation*

- Armin W. Geertz, Aarhus University  
*Growth and Advances in the Cognitive Science of Religion*
- Alastair Lockhart, University of Cambridge  
*Uncovering Cognitive Pathways in the Study of New Religious Movements*

### **Business Meeting:**

Hillary Lenfesty, Arizona State University, Presiding  
Claire White, California State University, Northridge, Presiding

### **A3-109**

#### **Ecclesial Practices Unit**

Theme: **Accountability at the Intersections of Theology and Ethnography**

Thursday, December 3, 11:00 AM-1:00 PM

Natalie Wigg-Stevenson, Emmanuel College, Presiding

- Helen Cameron, Regent's Park College, Oxford  
*Dual Accountability in a Faith-Based Organization: Critical Reflections on Turning First-Person Action Research into a Text*
- Paul Houston Blankenship, Graduate Theological Union  
*The Dark Night of Ethnographic Theology and What Lucifer Taught Me About How to be a Christian*
- Marie Purcell, Southern Methodist University  
*"But You Love Jesus, Right?": Ethnographic Accountability Across Polarized Worldviews*
- Ken Chitwood, Freie Universitat Berlin  
*"I've Seen You": Reflections on Ethnographic Theology, Accountability, & Christian-Muslim Relations*

### **Business Meeting:**

Jonas Idestrom, Church of Sweden, Presiding

### **A3-118**

#### **Exploratory Sessions**

Theme: **Jewish Theology Today**

Thursday, December 3, 11:00 AM-1:00 PM

Cass Fisher, University of South Florida, Presiding

- Jerome Gellman, Ben-Gurion University of the Negev  
*Janus and The God of Modern-Orthodox Jewish Theology*
- Cass Fisher, University of South Florida  
*From Practical Metaphysics to Hermeneutical Theologies*
- Nathaniel Berman, Brown University  
*The Kelipotic Verses: Resisting the Torah's "Other Side"*
- Hava Tirosh-Samuels, Arizona State University  
*Jewish Theology for the Anthropocene: Ethics of Care and Responsibility*

### **Responding:**

Devorah Schoenfeld, Loyola University, Chicago

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Alan Brill, Seton Hall University

### A3-110

#### Gay Men and Religion Unit

Theme: **Drag, Ballroom, Celibacy, and BDSM: LGBTQ Religious Histories, Rituals, and Public Performances**

Thursday, December 3, 11:00 AM-1:00 PM

Or Porath, University of California, Santa Barbara, Presiding

- Drake Konow, University of Texas, Austin  
*Lip-Syncing Religion: Queer Theories of Religion in Drag Performances of the "God Warrior" Monologue*
- Heather White, University of Puget Sound  
*On William Stringfellow's Celibacy: The Protestant Left and the Epistemology of the Closet, 1950-1985*
- Meghan Beddingfield, Southern Methodist University  
*Ritualistic Rupture: Transgression, BDSM Piercing Practices, and a Sense of Community*
- Michael Roberson, THE CENTER FOR RACE, RELIGION AND ECONOMIC DEMOCRACY  
*The Trans Sounds of Black Freedom*

#### **Business Meeting:**

Richard McCarty, Mercyhurst University, Presiding

### A3-111

#### Latina/o Religion, Culture, and Society Unit and Religions in the Latina/o Americas Unit

Theme: **Decolonial Practices of Naming, Thinking, and Being**

Thursday, December 3, 11:00 AM-1:00 PM

Lauren Frances Guerra, Loyola Marymount University, Presiding

- Natalie Solis, University of California, Los Angeles  
*Decolonial Aesthetics in Latin(x) America: Mapping Contemporary Border-Crossings and Spiritual Activisms*
- Alejandro Escalante, University of North Carolina  
*What We Can Learn from Trans\* Studies*

#### **Responding:**

Laura Perez, University of California, Berkeley

#### **Business Meeting:**

Ángel Gallardo, Southern Methodist University, Presiding

### A3-112

#### Music and Religion Unit

Theme: **Tonality, Time, and Text: Three Aspects of Apocalypticism in Music**

Thursday, December 3, 11:00 AM-1:00 PM

Jeffrey Scholes, University of Colorado, Colorado Springs, Presiding

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### Panelists:

Carol Symes, University of Illinois  
Colin McAllister, University of Colorado, Colorado Springs  
Richard F. Thomas, Harvard University  
Lorenzo DiTommaso, Concordia University Montréal

### Business Meeting:

Alisha L. Jones, Indiana University, Presiding  
Jennifer Rycenga, San Jose State University, Presiding

### A3-113

#### Philosophy of Religion Unit

Theme: **Enrique Dussel and the Task of Decolonizing Philosophy of Religion**

Thursday, December 3, 11:00 AM-1:00 PM

Santiago H. Slabodsky, Hofstra University, Presiding

- Thia Cooper, Gustavus Adolphus College  
*Dussel, Liberation, and Heterosexuality*
- Rafael Vizcaino, Rutgers University  
*Decolonizing the Anti-Fetishist Method*
- Lucas Wright, University of California, Irvine  
*\*La epifanía del Otro y la analogía\*: Toward an Understanding of Enrique Dussel's Use of Theological Language and Concepts*
- Vincent Cervantes, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign  
*Reading Dussel Queerly*

### Responding:

Eleanor Craig, Harvard University

### Business Meeting:

Thomas A. Lewis, Brown University, Presiding  
Lori K. Pearson, Carleton College, Presiding

### A3-103

#### Program Committee and Regions Committee

Theme: **Regions Forum**

Thursday, December 3, 11:00 AM-1:00 PM

Katherine Downey, American Academy of Religion, Presiding

Whitney Bauman, Florida International University, Presiding

### Panelists:

Elizabeth Coody, Morningside College  
Matthew Vaughan, Columbia University

### A3-114

#### Qur'an Unit and SBL Qur'an and Biblical Literature Unit

Theme: **Qur'an and Bible: Modern Reflections**

Thursday, December 3, 11:00 AM-1:00 PM

Stephen Burge, Institute of Ismaili Studies, London, UK, Presiding

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- Halla Attallah, Georgetown University  
*Gender Rhetoric in the Qur'an: A Feminist Literary Analysis of the Qur'an's Annunciation Scenes*
- Elisabeth Kennedy, American University in Cairo  
*Interpreting Sodom in Cairo: Reading Genesis 18-19 and Its Qur'anic Parallels*
- Samuel Ross, Texas Christian University  
*Can One Be an "Open-Minded Fundamentalist?" Salafi Discourse on the Use of Jewish and Christian Scripture in Qur'an Commentary*

### A3-115

#### Religion, Film, and Visual Culture Unit

Theme: **Provocative Pictures and the Politics of Visual Culture**

Thursday, December 3, 11:00 AM-1:00 PM

Lina Verchery, Harvard University, Presiding

- Teng-Kuan Ng, Georgetown University  
*The Open Road: Zhang Yang's "Paths of the Soul" and the Contemporary Chinese Quest for Faith*
- Torin Alexander, Winston-Salem State University  
*\_Watchmen\_: Afro-Speculative Fiction and Africana Religious Reflection*
- Bryson White, Garrett-Evangelical Theological Seminary  
*What Does Vietnam Have to Do with San Quentin? The Incarcerated Black Pose as Source for Theological Method*
- Joel Maynard, University of St Andrews  
*Post-Secular Parables and the Social Imaginary of Resistance: Terrence Malick's \_A Hidden Life\_ and the Dardenne Brothers' \_Young Ahmed\_*

#### Business Meeting:

Jeanette Reedy Solano, California State University, Fullerton, Presiding

Kutter Callaway, Fuller Theological Seminary, Presiding

### A3-116

#### Schleiermacher Unit

Theme: **Love and Power**

Thursday, December 3, 11:00 AM-1:00 PM

Ed Waggoner, Brite Divinity School, Presiding

- Calli Micale, Yale University  
*Dependence, Disability, and F.D.E. Schleiermacher*
- James Rogers, Claremont Graduate University  
*Love and Power in Schleiermacher's Philosophy of Language*
- Thandeka Thandeka, Love Beyond Belief, Inc.  
*Schleiermacher and American God-Politics*

#### Responding:

Jennifer A. Herdt, Yale University

### P3-101

#### Society for Comparative Research on Iconic and Performative Texts

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### Theme: **Performing Iconic Texts**

Thursday, December 3, 11:00 AM-1:00 PM

Dorina Miller Parmenter, Spalding University, Presiding

- Maria Turek, University of Toronto  
*Reenacting Ritual Contract: A Tibetan Text Between Buddhist Enlightenment and Local Cosmology*
- Bhakti Mamtora, College of Wooster  
*Rethinking Engagement in Historical and Contemporary Swaminarayan Katha Performances*
- David Dault, Sandburg Media LLC  
*A Magical Book That Nobody Reads: Expanding Discussions of Iconic Scripture to Include the Dimension of 'Charismatic Technology'*

### **A3-117**

#### **Sociology of Religion Unit**

Theme: **Conceptualizing Religion and Rethinking Methods in the Sociology of Religion**

Thursday, December 3, 11:00 AM-1:00 PM

Dusty Hoesly, University of Southern Mississippi, Presiding

- Amidu Elabo, Princeton Theological Seminary  
*Faith and Topography: A Remote Sensing Analysis of Religious Interaction in Jos North, Nigeria*
- Gustavo Morello, Boston College  
*Modernity and Sacralization Practices: Photographs and the Sacred*
- Brenton Kalinowski, Rice University  
Elaine Howard Ecklund, Rice University  
Rachel Schneider, Rice University  
*Perceptions of Work as Calling*
- Wendy Cadge, Brandeis University  
*The Value Added of "Holding the Space:" A Case Study of Chaplains in Boston and their Changing Roles over Time*

#### **Business Meeting:**

Dusty Hoesly, University of Southern Mississippi, Presiding

Rebekka King, Middle Tennessee State University, Presiding

### **A3-119**

#### **Wildcard Session**

Theme: **(Dis)Armed: American Faiths and American Firearms**

Thursday, December 3, 11:00 AM-1:00 PM

Haley Iliff, Florida State University, Presiding

#### **Panelists:**

Noah Schwartz, Carleton University

Jessica Dawson, United States Military Academy at West Point

Michael McLaughlin, Florida State University

Michael Grigoni, Duke University

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Katie Day, United Lutheran Seminary, Philadelphia

Thursday, December 3, 1:45 PM-3:15 PM

### A3-202

#### Animals and Religion Unit

Theme: **Animality Racialized: Rethinking the Pedagogies of Subjectivity**

Thursday, December 3, 1:45 PM-3:15 PM

Adrienne Krone, Allegheny College, Presiding

- David Aftandilian, Texas Christian University  
*Teaching Animal Personhood Through Comics*
- Eric Meyer, Carroll College  
*Constructing Whiteness Through Animality: Ownership, Pity, and Violent Identification*
- Timothy Burnside, Florida State University  
*"Utterly Miserable and Inefficient": Defecation, Animality, and White Trash Religion*

#### Responding:

Jeania Ree Moore, General Board of Church and Society

### A3-203

#### Anthropology of Religion Unit

Theme: **Destruction and Preservation: Ethnographies of Religion and Urban**

#### Infrastructure

Thursday, December 3, 1:45 PM-3:15 PM

Jennifer A. Selby, Memorial University of Newfoundland, Presiding

- Tammy Wilks, Colgate University  
*The Bulldozers are Coming! The Portents, Poetics and Production of Religion in Nairobi*
- ALANNA COOPER, Case Western Reserve University  
*Preserving Sacred Material Culture: A Cleveland Jewish Congregation's Gaze to the Past*
- Heather Mellquist Lehto, University of Toronto  
*Skinship: Communion and Contagion in South Korea*

#### Responding:

Judith Ellen Brunton, University of Toronto

#### Business Meeting:

James Bielo, Miami University, Presiding

Jennifer A. Selby, Memorial University of Newfoundland, Presiding

### A3-204

#### Black Theology Unit and Theology of Martin Luther King, Jr. Unit

Theme: **The Prophetic Black Theology of Martin Luther King, Jr.**

Thursday, December 3, 1:45 PM-3:15 PM

Montague Williams, Point Loma Nazarene University, Presiding

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- Shonda Nicole Gladden, Indiana University (Indianapolis)  
*Where Do We Go From Here: Trans-Versing the SOUL of Black Folx*
- Edgar "Trey" Clark, Fuller Theological Seminary  
*Howard Thurman and the African American Contemplative Preaching Tradition*
- Yohance Whitaker,  
*Social Salvation and Queerness*

### **Responding:**

Eboni Marshall Turman, Yale University

### **A3-205**

#### **Buddhist Philosophy Unit and Hindu Philosophy Unit and Indian and Chinese Religions Compared Unit and Yogācāra Studies Unit**

Theme: **Roundtable on Roy Tzohar's \*A Yogācāra Buddhist Theory of Metaphor\* (Oxford University Press, 2018)**

Thursday, December 3, 1:45 PM-3:15 PM

Tao Jiang, Rutgers University, New Brunswick, Presiding

#### **Panelists:**

Jonathan Gold, Princeton University

Laurie Louise Patton, Middlebury College

Joy Brennan, Kenyon College

Richard Nance, Indiana University

Catherine Prueitt, University of British Columbia

Parimal G. Patil, Harvard University

#### **Responding:**

Roy Tzohar, Tel-Aviv University

### **A3-200**

#### **Graduate Student Committee and Teaching and Learning Committee**

Theme: **Effective Teaching Demonstrations**

Thursday, December 3, 1:45 PM-3:15 PM

Brian K. Pennington, Elon University, Presiding

- Jessica Tinklenberg, The Claremont Colleges  
*Evidence-Based Practices for Engaging Teaching Demonstrations*
- Iva Patel, University of Iowa  
*Speaking to Multiple Audiences in A Teaching Demonstration*
- Bhakti Mamtara, College of Wooster  
*Strategies for Effectively Structuring Your Teaching Demonstration*
- Kirsty Jones, Georgetown University  
*Making Your Teaching Demonstration Accessible*

### **A3-206**

#### **International Development and Religion Unit**

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### Theme: **Religion, Development and the Secular: Considering Perspectives from Local Faith Actors**

Thursday, December 3, 1:45 PM-3:15 PM

Emma Tomalin, University of Leeds, Presiding

- Nicolette Manglos-Weber, Boston University  
*Promiscuous Practices: How Collective Caregiving Crosses Religious and Political Boundaries in Uganda*
- Olivia Wilkinson, Joint Learning Initiative on Faith and Local Communities  
*The Triple Nexus and Local Faith Actors in South Sudan*
- David Tittensor, Deakin University  
*Becoming Secular, Yet Remaining Religious: The Gülen Movement and the Golden Generation*

### **A3-207**

#### **Mormon Studies Unit and Pentecostal-Charismatic Movements Unit**

### Theme: **Entangled in the Spirit: Mormonism and Charismatic Movements**

Thursday, December 3, 1:45 PM-3:15 PM

Sammy Alfaro, Grand Canyon Theological Seminary, Presiding

- Jenny Webb,  
*Glossolalia: Charismatic Convergence and Divergence Within Mormonism and Pentecostalism*
- Kathryn Davis, Claremont Graduate University  
*Carving, Sculpting, Training: The Creation of Legible Bodies in Mormon and Pentecostal Communities in America*

#### **Responding:**

Daniel Ramirez, Claremont Graduate University

### **A3-208**

#### **Psychology, Culture, and Religion Unit**

### Theme: **Religious and Political Systems of Dehumanization: Long-term Psychological Consequences of Systemic Injustice**

Thursday, December 3, 1:45 PM-3:15 PM

Stephanie M. Crumpton, McCormick Theological Seminary, Presiding

- HEE JIN LEE, Emory University  
*Unresolved Historical Trauma and Survival in the Korean Diaspora: Dehumanization of Self and Others*
- Reamogetje Ngoepe, Union Theological Seminary  
*Black Pentecostal Women: Praying as Ritual for Healing from Inter-sectional (Racial) Trauma*
- Jaeyeon Chung, Garrett-Evangelical Theological Seminary  
Il-sup Ahn, North Park University  
*Systemic Terror, Silent Mourning, and Postcolonial Hope: The Case of Forcibly Separated Migrant Families*

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## AAR Virtual Annual Meeting Program (All times listed in EST (UTC-5))

### A3-201

#### Publications Committee

Theme: **Women and Publishing**

Thursday, December 3, 1:45 PM-3:15 PM

Andrea Jain, Indiana University-Purdue University, Indianapolis, Presiding

#### Panelists:

Monica R. Miller, Lehigh University

Judith Weisenfeld, Princeton University

April D. DeConick, Rice University

Sarah McFarland Taylor, Northwestern University

### A3-209

#### Religion and Cities Unit and Transformative Scholarship and Pedagogies Unit

Theme: **Cities as Sites for Transformative Teaching**

Thursday, December 3, 1:45 PM-3:15 PM

Michael Fisher, San Jose State University, Presiding

- Christopher Cantwell, University of Wisconsin, Milwaukee  
*Gathering Places: Religion, Community, and the Classroom in Milwaukee*
- Kate DeConinck, University of San Diego  
*Teaching Catholic Social Thought in the Context of San Diego's Homelessness Crisis*

#### Business Meeting:

Laura Stivers, Dominican University of California, Presiding

### A3-210

#### Religion and Ecology Unit and Study of Islam Unit

Theme: **New Book Roundtable: Anna M. Gade's *Muslim Environmentalisms: Religious and Social Foundations* (Columbia University Press, 2019)**

Thursday, December 3, 1:45 PM-3:15 PM

Jaclyn Michael, University of Tennessee at Chattanooga, Presiding

#### Panelists:

Muhamad Ali, University of California, Riverside

Etin Anwar, Hobart and William Smith Colleges

Nur Amali Ibrahim, Indiana University, Bloomington

Lisa Sideris, Indiana University

Sarra Tlili, University of Florida

#### Responding:

Anna M. Gade, University of Wisconsin

### A3-211

#### Religion and Politics Unit

Theme: **Thinking About Religious Violence**

Thursday, December 3, 1:45 PM-3:15 PM

Ann Duncan, Goucher College, Presiding

- Dan-Erik Andersson, Lund University

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*The Public Debates on Violent Extremism in Sweden; New Concepts and Meanings and Consequences for Religious Practice*

- Dragos Stoica, Concordia University  
*A Virtuous Ummah Under Siege: The Mythology of Universal Conspiracy in Sayyid Qutb's Coranic Commentary.*
- David Kirkpatrick, James Madison University  
*The Latin American Bullring: Billy Graham, John F. Kennedy, and the Origins of the "Global War on Christians."*

### A3-212

#### Religion and the Social Sciences Unit

Theme: **Religious Identity Construction and Interreligious Civic Practices**

Thursday, December 3, 1:45 PM-3:15 PM

Jeffrey Guhin, University of California, Los Angeles, Presiding

- Linda Bredvik, Heidelberg University  
*Discussing the Faith: A Sociolinguistic Analysis of Interreligious Dialogues*
- Valentina Cantori, University of Southern California  
*Civic Engagement as Religious Duty Among American Muslims*

### A3-213

#### Ritual Studies Unit

Theme: **Ritual at Work: Ritual in Organizational Contexts**

Thursday, December 3, 1:45 PM-3:15 PM

Jone Salomonsen, University of Oslo, Presiding

- Dana Logan, University of North Carolina, Greensboro  
*Evangelical Meetings and the Aesthetics of Boredom in Minute-Taking*
- Emily Dubie, Duke University  
*Managing Tragedy Through Leaving-Work Rituals: Social Workers and Unmet Human Need*
- Joy Palacios, University of Calgary  
*Ritualization and Worker Autonomy in the Salesforce Ecosystem*
- Nermeen Mouftah, Butler University  
*Sacrificial Skins: The Value of Pakistan's Eid al-Azha Animal Hide Collection*

#### Responding:

Clayton Ashton, University of British Columbia

### A3-214

#### Space, Place, and Religion Unit

Theme: **Place-Making, Secularism, and Commodification: Courtney Bruntz and Brooke Schedneck's Buddhist Tourism in Asia (University of Hawai'i Press, 2020)**

Thursday, December 3, 1:45 PM-3:15 PM

Matthew Mitchell, Allegheny College, Presiding

#### Panelists:

Erik Braun, University of Virginia

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Natasha Heller, University of Virginia

Angela Zito, New York University

### **Responding:**

Courtney Bruntz, Doane University

Brooke Schedneck, Rhodes College

### **A3-215**

#### **Theology and Religious Reflection Unit**

Theme: **The Religion of the Dance Floor? Queer Techno Beyond the Religious/Secular Divide**

Thursday, December 3, 1:45 PM-3:15 PM

Eva Pascal, Saint Michael's College, Presiding

#### **Panelists:**

Kevin Minister, Shenandoah University

Meredith Minister, Shenandoah University

Abdul Rahman MUSTAFA, University of Paderborn

Linn Tonstad, Yale University

### **A3-216**

#### **Women of Color Scholarship, Teaching, and Activism Unit**

Theme: **Decolonizing our Fields: Women of Color Scholars on Transforming the Guild**

Thursday, December 3, 1:45 PM-3:15 PM

Deborah Rogers, Lane College, Presiding

#### **Panelists:**

Sailaja Krishnamurti, Saint Mary's University

Merin Shobhana Xavier, Queen's University

Natalie Avalos, University of Colorado, Boulder

Oluwatomisin Oredein, Brite Divinity School

Shana Sippy, Centre College/Carleton College

#### **Business Meeting:**

Sailaja Krishnamurti, Saint Mary's University, Presiding

Deborah Rogers, Lane College, Presiding

### **A3-301**

#### **Afro-American Religious History Unit**

Theme: **Mormon, Muslim, Coptic, Webb: Blackness and Identity in New Religious Movements**

Thursday, December 3, 4:00 PM-5:30 PM

Joseph Laycock, Texas State University, Presiding

- Judith Huenneke, The Mary Baker Eddy Library  
*Marietta Webb and the "Colored" Christian Science Churches of Los Angeles*
- Leonard McKinnis, Saint Louis University

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*"I Told Jesus it Would be Alright if He Changed my Name": Performative Imagination and Identity Formation as Rituals of Freedom in the Black Coptic Church*

- Megan Leverage, Central Michigan University  
*Black Mormon Tells Her Story: Religion, Race and Gender in the Post-Civil Rights Era*
- Patrick Bowen,  
*Exploring Local Histories of African American Islam Through the Black Press*

### A3-302

#### Arts, Literature, and Religion Unit and Cultural History of the Study of Religion Unit

Theme: **Global Formations of Religion and Literature**

Thursday, December 3, 4:00 PM-5:30 PM

Zhang Ni, Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University, Presiding

- Craig Tichelkamp, Stonehill College  
*Mystifying the Letter: Religion and Literature in the Twelfth Century*
- Micah Hughes, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill  
*\_Reading\_ Sufism at the University: The Literary Remaking of an Islamic Tradition in Twentieth-Century Turkey*
- Yunus Dogan Telli, Worcester Polytechnic Institute  
*The Untranslatable and its Opposite in Secular Modernity*
- Christopher Douglas, University of Victoria  
*"The Failure of the Postsecular"*

#### Responding:

Elizabeth Ann Pritchard, Bowdoin College

### A3-304

#### Childhood Studies and Religion Unit

Theme: **New Theories of Childhood Religiosity**

Thursday, December 3, 4:00 PM-5:30 PM

Sally Stamper, Capital University, Presiding

- Kishundra King, Vanderbilt University  
*A Kaleidoscope Analysis: Toward a Womanish/st Theology*
- Jessica Pratezina, University of Victoria  
*Disciples by Default: Social and State Interventions with Children in Alternative Religious Movements*

### A3-305

#### Comparative Religious Ethics Unit

Theme: **Civil Disobedience and Duties to Resist in Comparative Perspective**

Thursday, December 3, 4:00 PM-5:30 PM

Jonathan K. Crane, Emory University, Presiding

- David Gides, University of Providence  
*Bonhoeffer, Antifa, and the Moral Defensibility of Uncivil Disobedience*
- Alease Brown, University of the Western Cape  
*Violence: A Typology Fitting for the South African Context of Entrenched Inequality*

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## AAR Virtual Annual Meeting Program (All times listed in EST (UTC-5))

- Joshua Carpenter, Florida State University  
*Black Rights Matter: Adjudicating Uncivil Disobedience*

### A3-306

#### Critical Theory and Discourses on Religion Unit

Theme: **Field Notes: Making and Unmaking the Ethnography of Religion**

Thursday, December 3, 4:00 PM-5:30 PM

Kijan Bloomfield, Rhodes College, Presiding

#### Panelists:

Cody Musselman, Yale University

George Gonzalez, City University of New York

Hillary Kaell, McGill University

Saliha Chattoo, University of Toronto

Eziaku Nwokocha, University of Pennsylvania

Timothy Byram, Harvard University

#### Business Meeting:

Sean McCloud, University of North Carolina At Charlotte, Presiding

Kristin Scheible, Reed College, Presiding

### A3-307

#### Evangelical Studies Unit

Theme: **Complexities of Evangelical Perspectives**

Thursday, December 3, 4:00 PM-5:30 PM

Peter Choi,, Presiding

Gabriela Viesca, George Fox University, Presiding

- Jennifer Riley, Durham University  
*Abortion and Evangelicalism in England: Capturing and Communicating Complexity*
- Stephen Wolma, Lancaster Theological Seminary  
*Analytical Tool or Secular Interloper?: The Challenge of Critical Race Theory to the Contemporary White Evangelical Identity*
- Ronald Potter, Hinds Community College  
*Fifty Years of Revisioning American Evangelicalism: Reflections of an Older "New Black Evangelical"*
- Jason Fallin, Fuller Theological Seminary  
*Do You See What I See?: Operation Christmas Child and Evangelical Aesthetic Formation*

### A3-308

#### Mysticism Unit

Theme: **Mysticism in the Wild: Ecology and Nature in the Mystic Frame**

Thursday, December 3, 4:00 PM-5:30 PM

Margarita Simon Guillory, Boston University, Presiding

- Timothy Grieve-Carlson, Rice University  
*The Presence of God(s): Mysticism and Ecology in the Big Thicket*

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- Sam Mickey, University of San Francisco  
*Doing Nothing in a World of Wounds: The Place of Mysticism in Ecological Emergency*
- Russell Powell, College of the Holy Cross  
*John Muir, Sacred Value, and Environmental Racism: Lessons from Hegel for a Moral Mysticism*

### A3-311

#### Queer Studies in Religion Unit and Religion in Premodern Europe and the Mediterranean Unit

Theme: **Queer Lives, Trans Tales, and Marvelous Morphologies in Premodern Christianity**

Thursday, December 3, 4:00 PM-5:30 PM

Georgia Frank, Colgate University, Presiding

- Rebecca Wiegel, University of Notre Dame  
*Ascesis as Gender Transition: The Dialogue of Identity and Spirituality in the \*Life of St Matrona of Perge\**
- Martha Newman, University of Texas  
*Disguise and Discernment: Constructing the Story of a Transgender Monk*
- C. Libby, Pennsylvania State University  
*The Apophasis of (Trans)Gender*

### A3-312

#### Religion and Popular Culture Unit

Theme: **Global Fandoms and Religion: New Case Studies from Scandinavia, Korea and Zimbabwe**

Thursday, December 3, 4:00 PM-5:30 PM

James Thrall, Knox College, Presiding

- Hyemin Na, Emory University  
*Testing the Limits of Implicit Religion as Research Frame: BTS Fandom Case Study*
- Lisa Kienzl, University of Bremen  
*"Pagan Here, Loving It!" Negotiating Norse Mythology and Paganism in Fan Culture Discussed on the Examples of the Television Series "American Gods" and "Jordskott"*

### A3-313

#### Religion, Affect, and Emotion Unit

Theme: **Revolution, Rebellion, and Critique: Dissident Affects in the 19th Century North Atlantic**

Thursday, December 3, 4:00 PM-5:30 PM

Zachary Smith, University of Tennessee, Presiding

- Emily Dumler-Winckler, Saint Louis University  
*Affect and the Formation of Taste: Revolution Debates Then and Now*
- Jeffrey Wheatley, Iowa State University  
*Religio-Racial Affectability: Nat Turner and Nineteenth-Century Theories of Fanaticism*

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- Eric Chalfant,  
*The Sensual versus the Sensible in American Irreligion: How to Illustrate Reason's Affects*

### **Business Meeting:**

Maia Kotrosits, Denison University, Presiding

Tam K. Parker, University of the South, Presiding

### **A3-300**

#### **Student Lounge Roundtable**

Theme: **A Foot in Two Worlds but No Real Home: Forging an Interdisciplinary Path in Graduate School**

Thursday, December 3, 4:00 PM-5:30 PM

Aarti Patel, Syracuse University, Presiding

#### **Panelists:**

Kate Soules, Boston College

### **A3-314**

#### **Transformative Scholarship and Pedagogy Unit and Religious Education Association**

Theme: **Attending to Trauma: Innovative Pedagogies for Teaching on Gender and Sexual Violence in Religious Studies Classrooms**

Thursday, December 3, 4:00 PM-5:30 PM

Boyung Lee, Iliff School of Theology, Presiding

- Jeremy Posadas, Austin College  
*From Sympathy to "Sissification": Pedagogical Approaches for Dismantling Sexual Violence*
- Almeda Wright, Yale University  
*Radical Ways of Knowing: Education at the Intersections of Race, Gender, and Religion*
- Patrick Reyes, Forum For Theological Education  
*The Purpose Gap: Bodies (That) Matter*

### **A3-316**

#### **Women's Caucus**

Theme: **AAR/SBL Women's Caucus Business Meeting**

Thursday, December 3, 4:00 PM-5:30 PM

Elizabeth Ursic, Mesa Community College, Presiding

Elaine Nogueira-Godsey, Methodist Theological School in Ohio, Presiding

#### **Panelists:**

Colleen D. Hartung, 1000 Women in Religion Wikipedia Project

Janice Poss, Claremont Graduate University

Deborah Fulthorp, Grand Canyon University

Julia Berger, Baha'i International Community

Julia Enxing, University of Dresden

Theresa A. Yugar, California State University, Los Angeles

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Rosalind F. Hinton, LAOUTLOUD  
Kathryn Common, Boston University  
Alicia Panganiban, Mayo Clinic Health System  
Kimberly Carter, California Institute of Integral Studies  
Tracy McEwan,  
Sheryl Johnson, Graduate Theological Union  
Mary Ellen Chown, Catholic Network for Women's Equality  
Saphira Rameshfar, Baha'i International Community, United Nations Office  
Mary T. Kantor, Arlington, MA

### A3-303

#### **Bonhoeffer: Theology and Social Analysis Unit and SBL Book of Psalms Unit**

Theme: **Bonhoeffer on the Psalms: New Perspectives on Prayerbook of the Bible (Fortress Press, 1940)**

Thursday, December 3, 4:00 PM-6:00 PM

Brad Pribbenow, Lutheran Brethren Seminary, Presiding

- Brent A. Strawn, Duke Divinity School  
*Bonhoeffer on Enemies and Imprecation: A Commentary*
- Stephen B. Chapman, University of Tübingen  
*Who Prays the Psalms? Bonhoeffer's Christological Concentration and Psalm 69*
- Arnold Huijgen, Theological University of Apeldoorn  
*Bonhoeffer's Approach of the Psalms as Incentive for Reading the Bible Theologically*
- Michael Mawson, Charles Sturt University  
*Retrieving Bonhoeffer's Prayerbook: Towards a Post-Holocaust Christological Reading of the Psalms*

### A3-310

#### **North American Religions Unit and Religion and Economy Unit**

Theme: **Religious Liberty Incorporated**

Thursday, December 3, 4:00 PM-6:00 PM

Catherine Brekus, Harvard University, Presiding

- Lucia Hulsether, Skidmore College  
*Family Corporation v. Blackface Feminism: Reproducing Religious Freedom from Hobby Lobby to Notorious R.B.G*
- Erik Nordbye, Harvard University  
*Liberty of Conscience Becomes Liberty of Estate: Property, Dissent, and the Massachusetts Constitution*
- Dana Lloyd, Washington University, St. Louis  
*From Corporate Personhood to Environmental Personhood*

#### **Responding:**

Amanda Porterfield, Florida State University

#### **Business Meeting:**

Isaac Weiner, Ohio State University, Presiding

Kathleen Holscher, University of New Mexico, Presiding

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### **P3-300**

#### **Society for Hindu-Christian Studies**

Theme: **The Significance of Sri Ramakrishna for Hindu-Christian Studies: New Perspectives**

Thursday, December 3, 4:00 PM-6:00 PM

#### **Panelists:**

Pravrajika Vrajaprana,

Jeffery D. Long, Elizabethtown College

Rita Sherma, Graduate Theological Union

Christopher Conway, College of Saint Benedict and Saint John's University

#### **Responding:**

Swami Medhananda, Ramakrishna Mission Vivekananda University

### **A3-309**

#### **Native Traditions in the Americas Unit**

Theme: **Sacred Lands and Waters: Legal Challenges in Indigenous Efforts to Protect Sacred Spaces**

Thursday, December 3, 4:00 PM-6:30 PM

Abel Gomez, Syracuse University, Presiding

- Brennan Keegan, Randolph College  
*Shifting Legal Boundaries and Indigenous Ecologies at Bears Ears National Monument*
- Khrystyne Wilson, University of Arizona  
*It's Not Like Their Church: Problematizing the Practice of Equating American Indian Sacred Land to Abrahamic Sites*
- Denise Marie Nadeau, Concordia University, Montreal  
*Decolonizing Water: Revitalizing Indigenous Water Laws*

#### **Responding:**

Tiffany Hale, Barnard College of Columbia University

#### **Business Meeting:**

Andrea McComb Sanchez, University of Arizona, Presiding

Suzanne J. Crawford O'Brien, Pacific Lutheran University, Presiding

### **A3-315**

#### **Religious Reflections on Friendship Seminar**

Theme: **The Annual Meeting of the American Academy of Religion as a Site of Interreligious Friendship**

Thursday, December 3, 4:00 PM-6:30 PM

Eric Meyer, Carroll College, Presiding

#### **Panelists:**

Margaret Gower, Saint Mary's College

Nirinjan Khalsa, Loyola Marymount University

Mugdha Yeolekar, California State University, Fullerton

#### **Business Meeting:**

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## AAR Virtual Annual Meeting Program (All times listed in EST (UTC-5))

Hussam S. Timani, Christopher Newport University, Presiding  
Anne-Marie Ellithorpe, Vancouver School of Theology, Presiding

### **A3-400**

#### **American Academy of Religion**

Theme: **Annual Business Meeting: and Ray L. Hart Service Award Presentation**

Thursday, December 3, 6:00 PM-7:00 PM

Jose Cabezon, University of California, Santa Barbara, Presiding

#### **Panelists:**

Marla Frederick, Emory University

## AAR Virtual Annual Meeting Program (All times listed in EST (UTC-5))

**Sunday, December 6**

### **A6-100**

#### **Ritual Studies Unit**

Theme: **Business Meeting**

Sunday, December 6, 12:00 PM-12:30 PM

Sarah M. Pike, California State University, Chico, Presiding

#### **Business Meeting:**

Michael Houseman, École Pratique des Hautes Études, Presiding

### **A6-200**

#### **Plenary Panel: Telling the Truth of Our Lives: Intersectional Coalition Building as Scholars, Educators, and Activists**

Sunday, December 6, 12:30 PM-1:30 PM

Jose Cabezon, University of California, Santa Barbara, Presiding

Swasti Bhattacharyya, Buena Vista University, Presiding

#### **Panelists:**

Amanullah De Sony, University College Cork

Devan Stahl, Baylor University

Angela Parker, Mercer University

Cassie Trentaz, Warner Pacific University

### **A6-201**

#### **Plenary Panel: The AAR as a Crucible for New Fields**

Sunday, December 6, 2:00 PM-3:00 PM

Jose Cabezon, University of California, Santa Barbara, Presiding

#### **Panelists:**

Francis X. Clooney, Harvard University

Jay Garfield, Smith College

### **A6-300**

#### **Plenary Panel: What Do We, as Scholars of Religion, Value?**

Sunday, December 6, 3:30 PM-4:30 PM

Jose Cabezon, University of California, Santa Barbara, Presiding

#### **Panelists:**

F. LeRon Shults, University of Agder

Ann Taves, University of California, Santa Barbara

Wesley J. Wildman, Boston University

### **A6-301**

#### **Presidential Address : The Study of Buddhism in the AAR**

Sunday, December 6, 5:00 PM-6:00 PM

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## AAR Virtual Annual Meeting Program (All times listed in EST (UTC-5))

Marla Frederick, Emory University, Presiding

**Panelists:**

Jose Cabezon, University of California, Santa Barbara

**P6-400**

**Death, Dying, and Beyond Unit**

Theme: **Death Over Dinner**

Sunday, December 6, 7:00 PM-8:30 PM

## AAR Virtual Annual Meeting Program (All times listed in EST (UTC-5))

Monday, December 7

### **A7-100**

#### **Wildcard Session**

Theme: **Religious Responses to COVID-19 and Ritual Innovations**

Monday, December 7, 9:00 AM-10:30 AM

Kenneth Dean, National University of Singapore, Presiding

#### **Panelists:**

Natalie Lang, National University of Singapore

Neena Mahadev, Yale-NUS College

Carola Lorea, National University of Singapore

### **A7-101**

#### **Academic Labor and Contingent Faculty Committee**

Theme: **Unpaid Labor in the Academy**

Monday, December 7, 11:00 AM-1:00 PM

Edwin David Aponte, Louisville Institute, Presiding

#### **Panelists:**

Kristy Slominski, University of Arizona

Christopher Duncanson-Hales, University of Sudbury

### **A7-102**

#### **Animals and Religion Unit and Study of Judaism Unit**

Theme: **Roundtable on Critical Animal Studies and Jewish Studies: Intersections, Open Questions, New Directions**

Monday, December 7, 11:00 AM-1:00 PM

Carol Adams, Independent Scholar, Presiding

#### **Panelists:**

Alex Weisberg, New York University

Beth Berkowitz, Barnard College

Mira Wasserman, Reconstructionist Rabbinical College

Aaron Gross, University of San Diego

Naama Harel, Columbia University

Ken Stone, Chicago Theological Seminary

Noam Pines, SUNY Buffalo

David Shyovitz, Northwestern University

### **A7-103**

#### **Asian North American Religion, Culture, and Society Unit**

Theme: **Diversity and Unity: Religious Institutions and Asian Pacific Islander American Life**

Monday, December 7, 11:00 AM-1:00 PM

SueJeanne Koh, University of California, Irvine, Presiding

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- Htoi San Lu, Vanderbilt University  
*Examining Gender and Division Among Kachin Baptist Congregations in the U.S.*
- Tom Park, Concordia University Irvine, CA  
*The Rise of Hmongism*
- Albert Shannon G. Toribio, University of California, Santa Barbara  
*St. Columban's Church of Los Angeles: The First Filipino National Church*
- Tejpaal Bainiwal, University of California, Riverside  
*Stockton Gurdwara: The Political Center of Sikhs in the United States*
- Emily Yen, Trinity College  
*The Moral Logics of Religious Advocacy for Chinese Student Refugees*

### **Business Meeting:**

SueJeanne Koh, University of California, Irvine, Presiding

Melissa Borja, University of Michigan, Presiding

### **A7-104**

#### **Comparative Theology Unit and Mysticism Unit**

Theme: **The Challenge of Spirituality in a Comparative Perspective**

Monday, December 7, 11:00 AM-1:00 PM

Bede Bidlack, Saint Anselm College, Presiding

- Won Jae Hur, Xavier University  
*Nonduality and the Body: Edith Stein's Contribution to Recent Comparative Theology*
- Gloria Maita Hernandez, West Chester University  
*Proximity and Resemblance: Divine Presence in Christian and Gauḍīya Vaiṣṇava Theology*
- Jason Welle, Pontifical Institute for Arabic and Islamic Studies  
*"Poverty is My Glory": Comparative Medieval Approaches to Spiritual Poverty"*
- Veli-Matti Karkkainen, Fuller Theological Seminary  
*"The Spirit (is) from the Amr of my Lord': The (Holy) Spirit in a Muslim-Christian Engagement: A Little Comparative Exercise"*

### **Responding:**

Jon Paul Sydnor, Emmanuel College, Boston

### **A7-105**

#### **Contemplative Studies Unit**

Theme: **Contemplative Modes of Knowing and Transforming**

Monday, December 7, 11:00 AM-1:00 PM

Paula K. R. Arai, Louisiana State University, Presiding

- Shodhin Geiman, Valparaiso University  
*Why Renunciation (Still) Matters: Lessons from the Buddhist and Christian Desert Traditions*
- Andre Van Der Braak, Vrije Universiteit, Amsterdam  
*Indigenous and Western Ayahuasca Contemplative Practices*
- Kythe Heller, Harvard University

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*"Sonic Possible Worlds": Listening and the Political Possibilities of Sound in Arvo Pärt's "Spiegel im Spiegel"*

### **Responding:**

Harold D. Roth, Brown University

### **Business Meeting:**

Harold D. Roth, Brown University, Presiding

Judith Simmer-Brown, Naropa University, Presiding

### **A7-106**

#### **Contemporary Pagan Studies Unit**

Theme: **Exploring Modern Discourses of Magic**

Monday, December 7, 11:00 AM-1:00 PM

Sabina Magliocco, University of British Columbia, Presiding

- Diana Brown, Syracuse University  
*A Note on the Origins of "Tech" as Metaphor for Magic*
- Kendra Holt Moore, Boston University  
*Playing the Witch: The Work of Play in Mainstreaming Witchcraft*
- Angela Puca, Leeds Trinity University  
*The Philosophy of Magic. From the Fringe of Society to the Fringe of "Reality".*
- Marisa Franz, New York University  
*Vital and Spectral Things: Ghosts, Magic, and Everyday Objects in Museums*

### **A7-107**

#### **Ethics Unit**

Theme: **New Directions in Religious Ethics**

Monday, December 7, 11:00 AM-1:00 PM

Christophe D. Ringer, Chicago Theological Seminary, Presiding

- Caleb Brown, Regent's Park College, the University of Oxford  
*Acts of God and Humans: Addressing the Monotheistic Tension Between Divine Sovereignty and Human Responsibility in Ecological Ethics*
- Sean Lau, Harvard University  
*Models of the Theology/Ethics Relationship in Modern Christian Thought: A Typology*
- Ross Moret, Florida State University  
*Religious Ethics and Empirical Ethics*
- Willa Swenson-Lengyel, Villanova University  
*The Natural and the Technical elided? Foundational and Applied Ethics in the Anthropocene*
- Graedon Zorzi, George Fox University  
*Toleration and Insurrection: Locke, Winnifred Sullivan, and Global Religious Freedom*

### **A7-108**

#### **Indian and Chinese Religions Compared Unit**

Theme: **Why Humanities Should Go Global**

Monday, December 7, 11:00 AM-1:00 PM

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Chakravarthi Ram-Prasad, Lancaster University, Presiding

- Nell Hawley, Harvard University  
*Crisis and the Call to Interpretation: The Sanskrit Mahābhārata in the First Millennium*
- Jane Mikkelson, University of Virginia  
*Crossings: Lyric Meditation and Comparative Religion Early Modern India*
- Thomas Mazanec, UC Santa Barbara  
*The Practice of Religious Poetry: Buddhist Poet-Monks of Late Tang China*
- Rafal Stepień, Nanyang Technological University, Singapore  
*'Why Are My Humanities So Black-and-White?' Buddhist Lessons in Undisciplining Religion, Literature, and Philosophy*

### A7-109

#### Native Traditions in the Americas Unit

Theme: **Teaching Native Religious Traditions with Dr. Inés Talamantez**

Monday, December 7, 11:00 AM-1:00 PM

Andrea McComb Sanchez, University of Arizona, Presiding

- Delores Mondragon, University of California, Santa Barbara  
*Indigenous Decolonizing and Rematriating Ways of Knowing per Dr. Inés Talamantez: Moving Forward with Ancestral Knowledges and Responsibilities*
- Gabriel Estrada, California State University, Long Beach  
*Teaching Caxcan Gender, Language, and Place-Names*
- Felicia Lopez, University of California, Los Angeles  
*Teaching Inés Talamantez's Theory of Translation: Poetic Translations of Native and Indigenous Texts*
- Lawrence W. Gross, University of Redlands  
*The Pedagogy of Self-Directed Native Language Learning*

#### Responding:

Mary Churchill, Sonoma State University

### A7-110

#### Philosophy of Religion Unit

Theme: **Ethics, Subjectivity, and Ascetic Practice: A Discussion of Niki Kasumi Clements's *\*Sites of the Ascetic Self\** (University of Notre Dame Press, 2020)**

Monday, December 7, 11:00 AM-1:00 PM

Tamsin Jones, Trinity College, Hartford, Presiding

#### Panelists:

Biko Gray, Syracuse University

Kevin Schilbrack, Appalachian State University

Aaron Stalnaker, Indiana University

#### Responding:

Niki Clements, Rice University

### A7-111

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## AAR Virtual Annual Meeting Program (All times listed in EST (UTC-5))

### Religion and Ecology Unit

Theme: **Religion, Ecology, Coloniality and Settler Colonialism: Life at the Intersection**

Monday, December 7, 11:00 AM-1:00 PM

Christopher Carter, University of San Diego, Presiding

- Andrew Ronnevik, Baylor University  
*Whipple's Vision: The Theology of the Land in Nineteenth-Century Episcopal Missions to Minnesota Native Americans*
- Tyler Tully, Oxford University  
*Native Futurities in an Age of 'Permanent Settler War': Conceptualizing Settler Coloniality as an Ongoing Ecological Structure*
- Renan Dos Santos, University of São Paulo / Brazil  
*Formation and Development of the Official Catholic Ecotheology in Brazil*
- Blair Wilner, University of Virginia  
*"This Sad Little Island": Colonialism as a Racial and Ecological Theodicy*

### Business Meeting:

Forrest Clingerman, Ohio Northern University, Presiding

### A7-112

#### Religion and the Social Sciences Unit

Theme: **AMC Book Panel: Gerardo Marti, American Blindspot (Rowman & Littlefield, 2020); Kyle Lambelet, ¡Presente! Nonviolent Politics (Georgetown University Press, 2019); Nichole R. Phillips, Patriotism Black and White (Baylor University Press, 2018)**

Monday, December 7, 11:00 AM-1:00 PM

Sara Williams, Emory University, Presiding

#### Panelists:

Nicolette Manglos-Weber, Boston University  
Jeffrey Guhin, University of California, Los Angeles  
Ruben Rosario Rodriguez, Saint Louis University  
Vincent Lloyd, Villanova University  
Cheryl Kirk-Duggan, Seminary of the Southwest  
Richard Pitt, Vanderbilt University

#### Responding:

Gerardo Marti, Davidson College  
Kyle Lambelet, Emory University  
Nichole Phillips, Emory University

#### Business Meeting:

Nichole Phillips, Emory University, Presiding  
Sara Williams, Emory University, Presiding

### A7-113

#### Religions, Medicines, and Healing Unit

Theme: **Alternative Healing, Transnationalism, & Biomedicine**

Monday, December 7, 11:00 AM-1:00 PM

Kyrah Malika Daniels, Boston College, Presiding

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- Leah Lomotey-Nakon, Vanderbilt University  
*(II) Legitimate Suffering; Afrocentric Alternative Medicinal Practices*
- Angela Xia, University of Pennsylvania  
*Crystals Beyond the New Age: U.S. Mineral Healing and Novel Formations of Science, Medicine, and Religion*
- Leonard Lowe, College of Charleston  
*White Doctors Cannot See Everything: Transnationalism, Biomedicine, and Pentecostal Healing in Haiti*

### **Business Meeting:**

Emily Wu, Dominican University of California, Presiding

### **A7-114**

#### **Science, Technology, and Religion Unit**

Theme: **Broadening the Vision of Theology and Science: A Roundtable Session with the Authors of "T&T Clark Handbook for Christian Theology and the Modern Sciences" (Bloomsbury Academic, 2020)**

Monday, December 7, 11:00 AM-1:00 PM

John Slattery, American Association for the Advancement of Science, Presiding

#### **Panelists:**

Jessica Coblentz, Saint Mary's College (Notre Dame, IN)

Rufus Burnett, Fordham

Terrence Johnson, Georgetown University

J. Richard Middleton, Roberts Wesleyan College

Sarah Lane Ritchie, University of Edinburgh

Paul Schutz, Santa Clara University

Tim Snyder, Wartburg Theological Seminary

Stoyan Tanev,

### **A7-115**

#### **Study of Islam Unit**

Theme: **Knowledge, Authority, and Power in Early-Modern and Modern Islam**

Monday, December 7, 11:00 AM-1:00 PM

Yasmine Flodin-Ali, University of North Carolina, Presiding

- Mary Elston, Harvard University  
*Debating Turāth: Religious Knowledge in Egypt's al-Azhar*
- Naveen Ramamurthy, University of California, Los Angeles  
*The Canon and the Canonization of Law in Islamicate South Asia (c. 1300s-1500s)*
- Samuel Kigar, University of Puget Sound  
*When Map is Territory: Morocco's Claim for the Western Sahara*
- Pieter Coppens, Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam  
*Reassessing the Rise of Salafism in Damascus: A Social Network Analysis*
- Ermin Sinanovic, Shenandoah University  
*Theological Innovation on the Edges of Islam: Evidence from the Balkans and Southeast Asia*

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## AAR Virtual Annual Meeting Program (All times listed in EST (UTC-5))

### A7-116

#### **Tibetan and Himalayan Religions Unit**

Theme: **New Research in Tibetan and Himalayan Religions**

Monday, December 7, 11:00 AM-1:00 PM

Nicole Willock, Old Dominion University, Presiding

- Rae Dachille, University of Arizona  
*Counting the Way to Liberation: Distinguishing the Thirteenth Bhūmi in Fifteenth-Century Tibet*
- Rachel Levy, Northwestern University  
*Sartorial Visions: Clothing and Visionary Experience in Seventeenth-Century Tibetan Buddhist Biography*
- Gideon Elazar, Ariel University, Bar Ilan University  
*The Sacred Geography of Thangka Scrolls: Cultural Preservation, Buddhist Expansion and Longing for Shangrila*
- Maria Turek, University of Toronto  
*Realm of Meditators: Transnational Visions of Buddhist Belonging*

#### **Business Meeting:**

Benjamin Bogin, Skidmore College, Presiding

### A7-117

#### **Womanist Approaches to Religion and Society Unit**

Theme: **Futuring the Womanist Project: Creative, Liberating, Intersectional Visions of Womanist Theory and Praxis, the Next 30 Years**

Monday, December 7, 11:00 AM-1:00 PM

Candace M. Laughinghouse, Chicago Theological Seminary, Presiding

#### **Panelists:**

Sakena Young-Scaggs, Arizona State University

LaKeesha Walrond, First Corinthian Baptist Church

Nikia Robert, Claremont School of Theology

Funlayo Easter Wood, African and Diasporic Religious Studies Association

#### **Responding:**

Monique Moultrie, Georgia State University

### A7-201

#### **Academic Labor and Contingent Faculty Committee and Class, Religion, and Theology Unit**

Theme: **Contingent Labor Across Society and Academy**

Monday, December 7, 1:45 PM-3:15 PM

Joseph Strife, Fordham University, Presiding

- Kerry Danner, Georgetown University  
*From Adjuncts to Uber Drivers and OnCall Cooks: The New Class System and the Loss of Benefits and Belonging*
- Elizabeth Lemons, Tufts University

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## AAR Virtual Annual Meeting Program (All times listed in EST (UTC-5))

- *The Elephant in the Room: Organizing and Sustaining Our Part-Time Faculty Union*  
Karen Bray, Wesleyan College  
*I'm Sticking with the Union Trouble: Territory, Solidarity, and Contingent Academic Labor*

### **Business Meeting:**

Jeremy Posadas, Austin College, Presiding  
Rosetta E. Ross, Spelman College, Presiding

### **A7-204**

#### **Afro-American Religious History Unit**

Theme: **Sites, Sources, and the Historical Imagination: Trajectories in Graduate Research of African-American Religion**

Monday, December 7, 1:45 PM-3:15 PM

Tobin Shearer, University of Montana, Presiding

- Cori Tucker-Price, Dartmouth College  
*Beyond Azusa: Mapping Black Religion in Los Angeles*
- Ahmad Greene-Hayes, Princeton University  
*New Orleans 300 Years Later: The Study of African American Religions in a Southern City*
- Ambre Dromgoole, Yale University  
*Into the Archive: Excavating the Influence of Twentieth Century Gospel Music Composer Roxie Ann Moore*
- Krishni Metivier, Duke University  
*Breaking My Master's Chains: Advancing Intersectional Histories of Black and Hindu*
- Jacob Havel,  
*Religion or Culture?: Re-thinking Categories from the Bottom Up with the Five Percenters*
- Yasmine Flodin-Ali, University of North Carolina  
*Writing Resistance: The Archives' Racialization of Omar ibn Said*

### **A7-205**

#### **Buddhism Unit**

Theme: **An Open Conversation on Urban Religiosities in Chinese Buddhism Today**

Monday, December 7, 1:45 PM-3:15 PM

Esther-Maria Guggenmos, IKGf, University of Erlangen-Nuremberg, Presiding

#### **Panelists:**

Alison Denton Jones, Harvard University

Gareth Fisher, Syracuse University

Robert Weller, Boston University

Yang Shen, Max Planck Institute for the Study of Religious and Ethnic Diversity

Di Di, Santa Clara University

### **A7-206**

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## AAR Virtual Annual Meeting Program (All times listed in EST (UTC-5))

### **Death, Dying, and Beyond Unit and Teaching Religion Unit**

Theme: **Teaching Death, Dying, and Beyond**

Monday, December 7, 1:45 PM-3:15 PM

Beverley Foulks McGuire, University of North Carolina, Wilmington, Presiding

- Tanya Walker,  
*Framing and Re-Framing Death and Religion: The Discursive Potential of Visual Artworks for Examining Threads of Continuity, Change, and Complexity in Death Education*
- Laura Simpson, Villanova University  
Naomi Washington-Leapheart, Villanova University  
*"Do Black Lives Matter to God?": Teaching About Death in a Prison Classroom*
- Melinda McGarrah Sharp, Columbia Theological Seminary  
*Writing With Casket Stationary: A Narrative Pedagogy for Teaching and Learning the "Blessed Ambiguity of Dying"*

### **A7-207**

#### **Interreligious and Interfaith Studies Unit**

Theme: **Decolonizing and Resetting the Interfaith Table**

Monday, December 7, 1:45 PM-3:15 PM

Margarita M. W. Suarez, Meredith College, Presiding

- Matthew Sayers, Lebanon Valley College  
*A Broader Table: Bringing Missing Voices to the Interfaith Table*
- Jenny Small, Convergence  
J.T. Snipes, Southern Illinois University Edwardsville  
Sachi Edwards, University of Tokyo  
J. Cody Nielsen, Convergence  
*Emerging Frameworks for Critical Analysis of Religion and Interfaith Studies: Reflections on Pluralism and Decolonization in Higher Education*
- Feryal Salem, American Islamic College  
*Decolonizing Christian-Muslim Relations: Historical Frameworks, Premises, and Power Dynamics*
- Rachel A. Heath, Vanderbilt University  
*Decentered Inclusivity: The Limits and Possibilities of Hospitality and Inclusion in Multifaith Models for College and University Chaplaincies*

### **A7-208**

#### **Kierkegaard, Religion, and Culture Unit**

Theme: **Kierkegaard, the Problem of Patriarchy, and Related Social Ills, Part 1**

Monday, December 7, 1:45 PM-3:15 PM

Iben Damgaard,, Presiding

- Donnell Williamson, Brown University  
*Ironic Reversal: Kierkegaard and Douglass*
- Deidre Green, Brigham Young University  
*Kierkegaardian Christianity and Epistemic Privilege of the Oppressed*

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## AAR Virtual Annual Meeting Program (All times listed in EST (UTC-5))

- Natalia Marandiuc, SMU  
*Can Queer Feminism Save Kierkegaard from Charges of Patriarchy?*

### **Responding:**

Marilyn Piety, Drexel University

### **A7-209**

#### **Pentecostal–Charismatic Movements Unit**

Theme: **Pentecostal Movements in the Latinx World**

Monday, December 7, 1:45 PM-3:15 PM

Justin Doran, Middlebury College, Presiding

- Paul J. Palma, Regent University  
*Bottom-Up Christianity: Grassroots Pentecostalism and the Christian Congregation in Brazil and North America*
- David Luckey, Richland College  
*Pentecostal Politicality: Latinx Human Rights and Complicity with Power*

### **Responding:**

Nstor Medina, University of Toronto

### **A7-200**

#### **Plenary Panel: The Changing Field of Religious Studies: A Short History of the American Academy of Religion's Annual Meeting**

Monday, December 7, 1:45 PM-3:15 PM

Jose Cabezon, University of California, Santa Barbara, Presiding

#### **Panelists:**

Whitney Bauman, Florida International University

Sarah Cassel, AAR

Robert Puckett, American Academy of Religion

### **A7-210**

#### **Psychology, Culture, and Religion Unit**

Theme: **Punishment or Treatment? How Substance Abuse, Addiction and Treatment is Shaped by Religious, Political and Racialized Narratives**

Monday, December 7, 1:45 PM-3:15 PM

- Sonia Waters, Princeton Seminary  
*To Every Disorder a Social Order: Exploring the Theological Traces of "Disorder" Language in the Punitive Treatment of Addiction*
- Rachelle Green, Fordham University  
*White Women's Care, Black Women's Crime: How Race and Sexism Shaped the Legacy of Care Practice Toward Incarcerated Women of Color*

### **A7-202**

#### **Public Understanding of Religion Committee**

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## AAR Virtual Annual Meeting Program (All times listed in EST (UTC-5))

Theme: **2020 Martin E. Marty Award for the Public Understanding of Religion Forum: Khaled Abou El Fadl**

Monday, December 7, 1:45 PM-3:15 PM

Evan Berry, Arizona State University, Presiding

**Panelists:**

Khaled Abou El Fadl, University of California, Los Angeles

Mohammad Khalil, Michigan State University

Nader Hashemi, University of Denver

Ziba Mir-Hosseini, University of London

### **A7-211**

#### **Religion, Holocaust, and Genocide Unit**

Theme: **The Ambivalent and Performative Work of Memorialization and Reconciliation**

Monday, December 7, 1:45 PM-3:15 PM

Sarah K. Pinnock, Trinity University, Presiding

- Isabelle Mutton, University of Exeter  
*Representing the Holocaust at National Memorials: An Ambivalence Towards Jewish Tradition?*
- Nindy Sasongko, Fordham University  
*"The Nature of Our Resistance"—Intercultural or Performative?: Raimon Panikkar and Judith Butler on Nonviolence*
- Aaron Ellis, Florida State University  
*The Open Program's Political and Theatrical Ritual: An Intervention*

### **A7-212**

#### **Science, Technology, and Religion Unit**

Theme: **Is Divine Action 'Natural' in a Theology of Nature?**

Monday, December 7, 1:45 PM-3:15 PM

Mark Harris, University of Edinburgh, Presiding

**Panelists:**

Sarah Lane Ritchie, University of Edinburgh

Philip Clayton, Claremont School of Theology

Wesley J. Wildman, Boston University

Fiona Ellis, University of Roehampton

### **A7-203**

#### **Student Lounge Roundtable**

Theme: **Love Thy Neighbour and Thyself : Recognising and Cultivating Mental and Emotional Health for Students and Self**

Monday, December 7, 1:45 PM-3:15 PM

Aarti Patel, Syracuse University, Presiding

**Panelists:**

Katelynn E. Carver, University of St Andrews

## AAR Virtual Annual Meeting Program (All times listed in EST (UTC-5))

### A7-213

#### Asian North American Religion, Culture, and Society Unit

Theme: **White Christian Privilege: The Illusion of Religious Equality in America (New York University Press, 2020)**

Monday, December 7, 1:45 PM-3:15 PM

Jane Naomi Iwamura, University of the West, Presiding

#### Panelists:

Rudy V. Busto, University of California, Santa Barbara

Vineet Chander, Princeton University

Emily Clark, Gonzaga University

#### Responding:

Khyati Joshi, Fairleigh Dickinson University

### A7-214

#### Yoga in Theory and Practice Unit

Theme: **Mapping the Cakras Across Tantra and Yoga**

Monday, December 7, 1:45 PM-3:15 PM

Patton Burchett, College of William and Mary, Presiding

- Vesna Wallace, University of California, Santa Barbara  
*The Cakra Theory and Buddhist Tantric Epistemology of Perception in the Kālacakra Tantric Literature*
- Loriliai Biernacki, University of Colorado  
*The Theology of the Body*
- Ben Williams, Naropa University  
*Cakras in the Śaiva Age: Inner Centers and Deity Circuits*
- Naomi Worth, University of Virginia  
*Cakras in the Tibetan Yoga of Winds, Channels, and Inner Heat*
- Seth Powell, Harvard University  
*Between Vīraśaivas and Nāthas: Nine Cakras and Sixteen Ādhāras in the "Post-Śaiva Age"*

#### Responding:

John Nemeč, University of Virginia

#### Business Meeting:

Sravana Borkataky-Varma, University of North Carolina, Wilmington, Presiding

Any Foxen, California Polytechnic State University, Presiding

### A7-300

#### Academic Labor and Contingent Faculty Committee Virtual Happy Hour

Monday, December 7, 4:00 PM-5:30 PM

Edwin David Aponte, Louisville Institute, Presiding

Kerry Danner, Georgetown University, Presiding

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### A7-301

#### Applied Religious Studies Committee Meeting

Monday, December 7, 4:00 PM-5:30 PM

Cristine Hutchison-Jones, Harvard University, Presiding

### A7-303

#### Bonhoeffer: Theology and Social Analysis Unit

Theme: **Bonhoeffer and Contemporary Theological Reflection**

Monday, December 7, 4:00 PM-5:30 PM

Matthew Puffer, Valparaiso University, Presiding

- Joseph McGarry, St John's College  
*Christ After the Crown: Dietrich Bonhoeffer and Post-Colonial Indigenous Theological Reflection*
- Dianne Rayson, United Theological College, Charles Sturt University and The University of Newcastle  
*Kill the Polluters: Pacifism, Tyrannicide, and Bonhoeffer's Ethics for the Anthropocene*
- Julie Morris, Duke University  
*Patriarchal Soteriology: Bonhoeffer's Slip to Theological Colonialism*

#### Business Meeting:

Lori Brandt Hale, Augsburg University, Presiding

Stephen R. Haynes, Rhodes College, Presiding

### A7-304

#### Childhood Studies and Religion Unit

Theme: **Childhood, Religion, and the History of Identity**

Monday, December 7, 4:00 PM-5:30 PM

Andrew Walker-Cornetta, Princeton University, Presiding

- Elisabeth Yang, Rutgers University  
*Medical Advice for Moral Infancy: The Confluence of Science and Religion in Victorian America*
- Laura Popa, Justus Liebig University, Giessen, Germany  
*The Construction of (Religious) Childhood in the Italian Protestant Women's Teaching (1860-1915)*
- E. Sundari Johansen Hurwitt, California Institute of Integral Studies  
*Goddess or Pariah? Intersections of Economics, Caste, and Social Order in Kumārī Worship in India*

#### Business Meeting:

Wendy Love Anderson, Washington University in St. Louis, Presiding

### A7-305

#### Ethics Unit and Science, Technology, and Religion Unit

Theme: **Ethical Implications of Scientific Theories**

Monday, December 7, 4:00 PM-5:30 PM

Frederick Simmons, Princeton Theological Seminary, Presiding

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- Patrick Haley, Princeton Theological Seminary  
*The Virtuous Animal: Adapting Religious Virtue Ethics to Evolutionary Biology*
- Ryan Juskus, Duke University  
*The Sacred and the Stratified: Theorizing the Political and Religious Dimensions of Geology's Master Principle*
- Neil Arner, University of Notre Dame  
*Interdisciplinary Challenges and Opportunities Amidst the Crisis of Confidence in the Sciences*

### A7-306

#### Gay Men and Religion Unit and Men, Masculinities, and Religion Unit

Theme: **Trans\* and Female Masculinities**

Monday, December 7, 4:00 PM-5:30 PM

Alyssa Maldonado-Estrada, Kalamazoo College, Presiding

- Beck Henriksen, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill  
*Trans\* Fat: Disidentification, Evangelicalism, and Possibilities for Trans\* Bodies*
- Micah Cronin, Cronin  
*Really, Cis?: Transmasculinity, Sexual Violence, and the Absurdity of Masculinity*
- Elizabeth DiMiele, Independent Scholar  
*Restless Hearts, Weary Members: The Possibility of a Transgender Ecclesiology*
- Max Thornton, Drew University  
*Brides of Frankenstein: Transmasculinity, T-Theology, and the New TERFism*
- Joshua Shelton, Northwestern University  
*"The Queen of Tibetan Exile": An Ethnographic and Discursive Analysis of Tibetan Trans Icon Tenzin Mariko*

### A7-308

#### Middle Eastern Christianity Unit and Traditions of Eastern Late Antiquity Unit

Theme: **Middle Eastern Christianity and Others in the City of the Late Antique East**

Monday, December 7, 4:00 PM-5:30 PM

Jason Mokhtarian, Indiana University, Bloomington, Presiding

- Charles Rivera, Yale University  
*Hagar's Bestial Daughters: Christian and Barbarian in Ephrem's Nisibis*
- Jason R. Zaborowski, Bradley University  
*\*The World Has Lost Rome and the Monks Have Lost Scetis!\* Monastic Civic Visions in the Arabic Christian Versions of the \*Apophthegmata Patrum\*\**
- Erik Estrada, Texas Christian University  
*Reticent and Vocal About Judgement and Hell for Christians: Contextualizing Jerome and Pelagius' Conflict Over Soteriology and the Last Things in the Religious Context of the Divided Roman East*

### A7-309

#### Moral Injury and Recovery in Religion, Society, and Culture Unit

Theme: **Moral Anguish and the Pandemic**

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## AAR Virtual Annual Meeting Program (All times listed in EST (UTC-5))

Monday, December 7, 4:00 PM-5:30 PM  
Rita Brock, Volunteers of America, Presiding

**Panelists:**

Shelly Rambo, Boston University  
Zachary Moon, Chicago Theological Seminary  
Stephanie M. Crumpton, McCormick Theological Seminary  
Najeeba Syeed-Miller, Claremont School of Theology

### **A7-312**

#### **Religion in South Asia Unit**

Theme: **Religion and the Modern Islamicate: Cosmopolitans, Composites, and Colonial Critique in South Asia**

Monday, December 7, 4:00 PM-5:30 PM

Anna Bigelow, Stanford University, Presiding

- Ilyse Morgenstein Fuerst, University of Vermont  
*Muslims, Modernity, and Memorializations of the 1857 Indian Rebellion*
- Hayden Bellenoit, US Naval Academy  
*Kayasthas and their Islamicate cultural associations in north India, 1760-1930*
- Hayden Bellenoit, US Naval Academy  
*A Modern, 'Eternal' Religion: The Sanatana Dharma of Shradha Ram Phillauri*
- Timothy Dobe, Grinnell College  
*Khilafat's Islamicate Solidarities: Gandhian Sufis, Delhi's Badshah Khan and Bio-Moral Beef*
- Quinn Clark, Columbia University  
*Love and Money: Sufi Shrines, Politics, and Comparative Secularism in North India*

### **P7-300**

#### **Wabash Center for Teaching and Learning in Theology and Religion**

Theme: **Pedagogies of Justice and Care in Liminal Times**

Monday, December 7, 4:00 PM-5:30 PM

Nancy Lynne Westfield,, Presiding

**Panelists:**

Shehnaz Haqqani,  
Christine Hong, Columbia Theological Seminary  
Sara Ronis, St. Mary's University, Texas  
Ben Sanders, Eden Theological Seminary  
Lisa Thompson,

### **A7-314**

#### **Women and Religion Unit and Women's Caucus**

Theme: **Emerging Scholars Re-Engaging Praxis**

Monday, December 7, 4:00 PM-5:30 PM

Elaine Nogueira-Godsey, Methodist Theological School in Ohio, Presiding

- JuneHee Yoon, Drew University

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*Envisioning \*Home\* with Queer Holiness at the Core: A Case Study of Korean American Christian Communities*

- Grazina Bielousova, Duke University  
*A Different Be(long)ing: Feminist Resistance in East-Central Europe as an Alternative Community*
- Tracy McEwan,  
*Identity Struggles: Re-imagining Catholic Women's Praxis*

### **Responding:**

Adriaan Van Klinken, University of Leeds

### **A7-310**

#### **Pentecostal-Charismatic Movements Unit and Schleiermacher Unit**

Theme: **The Spirit as Framed by Schleiermacher and the Pentecostals**

Monday, December 7, 4:00 PM-6:00 PM

Cathie Kelsey, Iliff School of Theology, Presiding

- Emilio Alvarez, Institute for Paleo-Orthodox Christian Studies  
*"Sensing" the Spirit: Pentecostalism, Orthodoxy and the Affections*
- Shelli Poe, Iliff School of Theology  
*Divine Indwelling and the Spirit of Love: Schleiermacher and Yong in Ecumenical Conversation*

### **Responding:**

Amos Yong, Fuller Theological Seminary

### **Business Meeting:**

Ed Waggoner, Brite Divinity School, Presiding

Cathie Kelsey, Iliff School of Theology, Presiding

### **A7-311**

#### **Religion and Food Unit**

Theme: **Religion and Food in Global Perspective**

Monday, December 7, 4:00 PM-6:00 PM

Derek Hicks, Wake Forest University, Presiding

- Scott Alves Barton, New York University  
*Melegueta: To Be Pepperish*
- Sasha Stern, Yiddish Book Center  
*The Essence of the Esn: Jewish Food, Yiddish Cookbooks, and Embodied Memory*
- Hyaeweol Choi, University of Iowa  
*Zen Buddhist Nuns Go Global*

### **Business Meeting:**

Derek Hicks, Wake Forest University, Presiding

Benjamin Zeller, Lake Forest College, Presiding

### **A7-302**

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## AAR Virtual Annual Meeting Program (All times listed in EST (UTC-5))

### **African Diaspora Religions Unit and Indigenous Religious Traditions Unit and Native Traditions in the Americas Unit and Teaching Religion Unit**

Theme: **Indigenous Pedagogies in the Religious Studies Classroom**

Monday, December 7, 4:00 PM-6:30 PM

Molly Bassett, Georgia State University, Presiding

- Michelle Ajisebo McElwaine Abimbola, Ifá Heritage Institute/Boston College  
*Ifá Heritage Institute: Teaching Texts from the Spirit World*
- Ayodeji Ogunnaike, Bowdoin College  
*Teaching Through Traditional Yoruba Religion*
- Suzanne Owen, Leeds Trinity University  
*Making Indigenous Religions Relevant to Non-Indigenous Students*

#### **Responding:**

Danoye Oguntola-Laguda, Lagos State University

#### **Business Meeting:**

Seth Schermerhorn, Hamilton College, Presiding

Gabriel Estrada, California State University, Long Beach, Presiding

### **A7-307**

#### **Martin Luther and Global Lutheran Traditions Unit**

Theme: **The Global and Alternative Luther and His Relevance for Today**

Monday, December 7, 4:00 PM-6:30 PM

Kristen E. Kvam, Saint Paul School of Theology, Presiding

- Christopher Ocker, Australian Catholic University  
*The "Global-Historical" Luther*
- Jennifer Hockenbery, Mount Mary University  
*Christian Freedom, Academic Debate, and the Struggle for Mutual Recognition*
- Daniel Lee, Fuller Theological Seminary  
*Theologia Crucis for Asian America: Contra Confucian Moralism and Orientalism*
- Andrew Ronnevik, Baylor University  
*Lutheran Conceptions of Human Dignity in a Global Context: A Conversation with Indian Dalits and European/Americans*
- Mary J. Streufert, Evangelical Lutheran Church in America  
*A Feminist Hermeneutic of Constructive Reframing*
- Trygve Wyller, University of Oslo  
*The Makeshift Curtain: A Touching Piece of Political Theology*

#### **Business Meeting:**

Kristen E. Kvam, Saint Paul School of Theology, Presiding

Allen G. Jorgenson, Wilfrid Laurier University, Presiding

### **A7-313**

#### **Study of Judaism Unit**

Theme: **Affecting Jewish Studies**

Monday, December 7, 4:00 PM-6:30 PM

Steven Weitzman, University of Pennsylvania, Presiding

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- Sarah Wolf, Jewish Theological Seminary of America  
*Doubting Feeling: Reading for Emotion in Premodern Sources*
- Sarah Pessin, University of Denver  
*Ibn Gabirol's Visceral Poetics of Material Desire: From Scholastic to Affective Frames in the Study of Medieval Jewish Emanationism*
- Dustin Atlas, University of Dayton  
*Affect and Modern Jewish Thought: Relationships Without Language in Eve Sedgwick and Martin Buber*

### **Responding:**

Elias Sacks, University of Colorado

### **Business Meeting:**

Shari Rabin, Oberlin College, Presiding

Paul Nahme, Brown University, Presiding

### **A7-315**

#### **World Christianity Unit**

Theme: **Decolonizing World Christianity**

Monday, December 7, 4:00 PM-6:30 PM

Wanjiru Gitau, St. Thomas University, Presiding

- Janice McLean-Farrell, New Brunswick Theological Seminary  
*Decolonizing World Christianity: Interrogating its Roots, Pedagogy and Research and Money.*
- Jesse Lee, Florida State University  
*"Power and Post-Colonial Realities": Anglican Realignment and the Rhetoric of Reverse Colonialism*
- Shin-Fung Hung, Duke University  
*A Christianity of Hongkongers, by Hongkongers, for Hongkongers: Resistance to China's Re-colonization as Indigenization*
- Byung Ho Choi, Princeton Theological Seminary  
*History of East Timor Revisited: Through the Lens of Interculturality*

### **Business Meeting:**

Corey Williams, Leiden University, Presiding

Briana Wong, Wake Forest University, Presiding



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### A8-100

#### Yogācāra Studies Unit

Theme: **Yogācāra As Idealism? The State of the Debate and New Avenues of Inquiry**

Tuesday, December 8, 9:00 AM-11:00 AM

Daniel McNamara, Rangjung Yeshe Institute, Presiding

- Koichi Takahashi, University of Tokyo  
*The Inexpressibility of the Vastu in Early Yogācāra Philosophy*
- Karen O'Brien-Kop, University of Roehampton  
*Reality Processing in the 'Yogalehrbuch': Vivid Visualisation or Complex Hallucination?*
- Joy Brennan, Kenyon College  
*Mind Only as Diagnosis*

#### Responding:

Jonathan Gold, Princeton University

#### Business Meeting:

Joy Brennan, Kenyon College, Presiding

Roy Tzohar, Tel-Aviv University, Presiding

### A8-101

#### Applied Religious Studies Committee

Theme: **Off the Tenure Track: Career Services for Diverse Careers**

Tuesday, December 8, 11:00 AM-1:00 PM

Amy Defibaugh, Temple University, Presiding

#### Panelists:

Brian DeGrazia, Modern Language Association

### A8-105

#### Bonhoeffer: Theology and Social Analysis Unit

Theme: **Bonhoeffer, Truth-Telling and Obedience**

Tuesday, December 8, 11:00 AM-1:00 PM

Karen V. Guth, College of the Holy Cross, Presiding

- Michael Laffin, University of Aberdeen  
*Bonhoeffer and the Politics of Truth-Telling in an Age of Virtual Reality*
- Barbara Meyer, Tel Aviv University  
*Command and Commandment in Times of Evil*
- Cole Jodon,  
*Truth-Telling and the Ecumenical Imperative to Proclaim the Commands of Christ*

### A8-106

#### Chinese Religions Unit

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**Theme: Channeling Efficacy: Making, Using, and Understanding Talismans in Pre-modern Chinese Religions**

Tuesday, December 8, 11:00 AM-1:00 PM

Zhaohua Yang, Columbia University, Presiding

- Hsin Yi Lin, Fo Guang University  
*An Examination of Dunhuang Esoteric Talismans for Childbirth Protection: Taking Guanyin's Cult as an Example*
- Joshua Capitanio, Stanford University  
*Objective and Subjective Efficacy in the Use of Daoist Talismans*
- Minhao Zhai, Princeton University  
*Engaging with the Body: Paradigms of Utilizing Talismanic Objects in Medieval China*
- Zhaohua Yang, Columbia University  
*Shifting Signs: Talismanic Innovations in the Ucchuşma Cult of the Middle Period*

**Responding:**

Shih-shan Huang, Rice University

**Business Meeting:**

Megan Bryson, University of Tennessee, Presiding

Anna Sun, Harvard Divinity School, Presiding

### **A8-107**

**Christian Systematic Theology Unit**

**Theme: New Theological Perspectives on Participation**

Tuesday, December 8, 11:00 AM-1:00 PM

Jennifer Martin,, Presiding

- Luke Zerra, Princeton Theological Seminary  
*"A Kind of Transubstantiation in Us": Participation and Moral Formation in Richard Hooker's Sacramentology*
- Thomas Breedlove, Baylor University  
*Imaging the Invisible: Nature and Participation in Gregory of Nyssa*
- Philippe Eberhard, Nassau Community College  
*Listening in the Voice or the Participative Process of Faith*
- Deborah Casewell, Liverpool Hope University  
*Participation as Decreation: Suffering, Unselfing and Unworldly Goodness in Simone Weil*

### **A8-108**

**Comparative Studies in Religion Unit**

**Theme: Author-Meets-Critics: Oliver Freiberger, *Considering Comparison: A Method for Religious Studies* (Oxford University Press, 2019)**

Tuesday, December 8, 11:00 AM-1:00 PM

David Freidenreich, Colby College, Presiding

**Panelists:**

Barbara A. Holdrege, University of California, Santa Barbara

Francis X. Clooney, Harvard University

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Robert Smid, Curry College  
Catherine Cornille, Boston College  
Florence Pasche Guignard, Other  
Kathryn McClymond, Georgia State University

### **Responding:**

Oliver Freiburger, University of Texas, Austin

### **A8-109**

#### **Contemplative Studies Unit**

Theme: **Creating Communities of Care Through Contemplative Praxis**

Tuesday, December 8, 11:00 AM-1:00 PM

Jacob Sherman, California Institute of Integral Studies, Presiding

- Colin Simonds, Queen's University at Kingston  
*Buddhist Moral Phenomenology, the Ecological Crisis, and the Ethical Implications of Contemplative Practice*
- Namdrol Miranda Adams, Maitripa College  
*Education as Freedom, Love, and Praxis: Paulo Freire and Contemplative Studies in 21st Century American Higher Education*
- Tiffany Lee, Boston College  
*Deep Learning, Addiction, and Contemplation: Constructing a Theological Response to Addiction in Conversation with Developmental Neuroscience and Sarah Coakley's Contemplative Pedagogy of Desire*
- Maggi Jones, Baylor University  
*Linking Mysticism and Ethics Through the Life and Thought of Howard Thurman*

### **Responding:**

Judith Simmer-Brown, Naropa University

### **A8-110**

#### **Political Theology Unit**

Theme: **Eric Nelson's \*The Theology of Liberalism: Political Philosophy and the Justice of God\***

Tuesday, December 8, 11:00 AM-1:00 PM

Ryan Darr, Princeton University, Presiding

### **Panelists:**

Jennifer A. Herdt, Yale University  
Eric Gregory, Princeton University  
Grace Kao, Claremont School of Theology  
Ruben Rosario Rodriguez, Saint Louis University  
Paul Weithman, University of Notre Dame

### **Responding:**

Nelson Eric, Harvard University

### **Business Meeting:**

Christophe D. Ringer, Chicago Theological Seminary, Presiding

Frederick Simmons, Princeton Theological Seminary, Presiding

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### A8-102

#### Graduate Student Committee

Theme: **Making our Home as Scholars: Creating Spaces of Hospitality within the Academy**

Tuesday, December 8, 11:00 AM-1:00 PM

Aarti Patel, Syracuse University, Presiding

#### Panelists:

Andrea Scardina, University of Iowa

Emily Stratton, Indiana University

James Smoker, University of St Andrews

Sheryl Johnson, Graduate Theological Union

Zac Poppen, Brite Divinity School at Texas Christian University

### A8-111

#### Interreligious and Interfaith Studies Unit

Theme: **Issues in Interreligious Studies - Interactive Workshop**

Tuesday, December 8, 11:00 AM-1:00 PM

Anne Hege Grung, University of Oslo, Presiding

- Kevin Minister, Shenandoah University  
*Collaborative Story Telling Assignment*
- Katie Givens Kime, Odyssey Impact  
*Stranger/Sister: Case Study of Pedagogical Use of Film Clips for Interfaith/Interreligious Learning Outcomes*
- Hans Gustafson, University of St. Thomas  
*Interreligious Studies: Dispatches from an Emerging Field*
- Jon Levisohn, Brandeis University  
Mona Abo-Zena, University of Massachusetts, Boston  
Cynthia Cameron, Rivier University  
*Learning from Particulars: What Happens When Scholars from Different Traditions Pursue the Question of the Desired Outcomes of Religious Education Within Their Particular Traditions?*
- Daan F. Oostveen, Utrecht University  
*Rhizomatic Belonging: Rethinking Hybrid Religious Belongings and Multiple Religious Belonging*
- Marianne Moyaert, Vrije Universiteit, Amsterdam  
Carolyn Roncolato, Interfaith Youth Core  
*Online Teaching and Learning, Before and After the Pandemic*
- Gregory Han, Interfaith Ministries for Greater Houston  
Patrice Brodeur, University of Montreal  
Younus Mirza, Shenandoah University  
Benjamin Sax, Institute for Islamic, Christian, and Jewish Studies  
*Interfaith Prayer in Public and Private Spaces: Three Years of Experiences*
- Jennifer Howe Peace, Andover Newton Theological School

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Elinor Julia Pierce, Harvard University  
John Sheveland, Gonzaga University  
Russell CD Arnold, Regis University  
Rachel Mikva, Chicago Theological Seminary  
*Discussion Facilitators*

### **Business Meeting:**

Rachel Mikva, Chicago Theological Seminary, Presiding  
Feryal Salem, American Islamic College, Presiding

### **A8-112**

#### **Liberation Theologies Unit**

Theme: **Subverting the Canons of Liberation Theology**

Tuesday, December 8, 11:00 AM-1:00 PM

An Yountae, California State University, Northridge, Presiding

- Chasity Jones, Boston University School of Theology  
*A Womanist Liberation Theology of African Ancestral Traditions*
- Shadaab Rahemtulla, University of Edinburgh  
*Israelites, Canaanites, and Liberation Theologies: A Qur'anic Intervention in a De/Colonial Debate*
- Gerald West, University of KwaZulu-Natal  
*The Canonical-Conceptual Contribution of South African Liberation Theologies: From the Anti-Apartheid 1980s to the Post-Colonial Present*
- ANA MARIA RODRIGUEZ ALFONSO, Boston University  
*Theology of the Perpetrator*
- Helen Boursier, College of Saint Scholastica  
*Art as Public Witness for Refugees Seeking Asylum*

### **Business Meeting:**

Maria T. Davila, Merrimack College, Presiding

### **A8-113**

#### **Middle Eastern Christianity Unit**

Theme: **Education, Agency, and Subject Formation at Turning Points in Middle Eastern Christian History**

Tuesday, December 8, 11:00 AM-1:00 PM

Mourad Takawi, University of the Incarnate Word, Presiding

- Joshua Mugler, Saint John's University  
*The Translation Movement of Eighteenth-Century Aleppo and the Creation of the Middle Eastern Catholic Churches*
- Joshua Donovan, Columbia University  
*"Education, Pedagogy, and Subject Formation in the Greek Orthodox Christian Community of Bilad al-Sham"*
- Tala AlRaheb, Emory University  
*Uncovering Agency: Christian Women and Personal Status Laws in Palestine*

### **Business Meeting:**

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Deanna Womack, Emory University, Presiding

### **A8-114**

#### **North American Religions Unit**

Theme: **Localizing American Religions Pedagogy in Institutional Settings**

Tuesday, December 8, 11:00 AM-1:00 PM

Judith Weisenfeld, Princeton University, Presiding

#### **Panelists:**

Brandon Bayne, University of North Carolina

Kijan Bloomfield, Rhodes College

Emily Clark, Gonzaga University

Ryan Harper, Colby College

Elizabeth Jemison, Clemson University

Michael Pasquier, Louisiana State University

### **A8-103**

#### **Public Understanding of Religion Committee and Religion and Politics Unit**

Theme: **Religion and Public Life in and after the COVID-19 Pandemic**

Tuesday, December 8, 11:00 AM-1:00 PM

John D. Carlson, Arizona State University, Presiding

#### **Panelists:**

Robert P. Jones, PRRI

R. Marie Griffith, Washington University in St. Louis

Kristy Slominski, University of Arizona

Nichole Phillips, Emory University

Evan Berry, Arizona State University

Elizabeth Shakman Hurd, Northwestern University

Philip Gorski, Yale University

Tracy Fessenden, Arizona State University

Charles Mathewes, University of Virginia

Pamela Klassen, University of Toronto

### **A8-104**

#### **Publications Committee**

Theme: **Publishing in Religious Studies Journals**

Tuesday, December 8, 11:00 AM-1:00 PM

Andrea Jain, Indiana University-Purdue University, Indianapolis, Presiding

#### **Panelists:**

S. Brent Plate, Hamilton College

Sarah Imhoff, Indiana University

Warren S. Goldstein, Center for Critical Research on Religion

Elias Kifon Bongmba, Rice University

Afe Adogame, Princeton Theological Seminary

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### **A8-115**

#### **Religion and Migration Unit**

Theme: **Faith, Immigration and Destinations Amongst North American Korean Communities**

Tuesday, December 8, 11:00 AM-1:00 PM

Nanette Spina, University of Georgia, Presiding

- Heesung Hwang, Chicago Theological Seminary  
*Abundant Life Together: An Application of Sok Practice for Identity Formation of Second-Generation Korean American Children in the Globalizing Society*
- Jeyoul Choi, University of Florida  
*Religion and Migration: The Crisis of Korean Evangelicalism in the Korean-American Church*
- Eunil David Cho, Emory University  
*Learning Mother Tongue on Sunday Morning: The Korean Immigrant Church-Based Heritage Language Education for Intergenerational Harmony*
- Seokweon Jeon, Harvard University  
*When America is \*Not\* Your Destination: The Rise of Transient Migration in the US and the Transformation of Asian Migrants' Religious Life in Boston*

#### **Business Meeting:**

Rubina Ramji, Cape Breton University, Presiding

### **A8-116**

#### **Religion, Media, and Culture Unit**

Theme: **Machines that Surveil and Enchant**

Tuesday, December 8, 11:00 AM-1:00 PM

Hussein Ali Agrama, University of Chicago, Presiding

#### **Panelists:**

Christopher Glen White, Vassar College

Suzanne Van Geuns, University of Toronto

Sylvester Johnson, Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University

Sharmin Sadequee, City University of New York

#### **Business Meeting:**

Kathryn Reklis, Fordham University, Presiding

Deborah Whitehead, University of Colorado, Presiding

### **P8-100**

#### **Søren Kierkegaard Society**

Theme: **Kierkegaard and Phenomenology**

Tuesday, December 8, 11:00 AM-1:00 PM

Jeffrey Hanson, Harvard University, Presiding

#### **Panelists:**

Merold Westphal,

Eleanor Helms, California Polytechnic State University

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Amber Bowen,

**Responding:**

Claudia Welz, Goethe University, Frankfurt

Antony Aumann, Northern Michigan University

Stephen Minister, Augustana University

### **A8-117**

#### **Wesleyan and Methodist Studies Unit**

Theme: **Theological Education in the Wesleyan/Methodist Traditions**

Tuesday, December 8, 11:00 AM-1:00 PM

Alma Tinoco Ruiz, Duke Divinity School, Presiding

- Clive Marsh, University of Leicester  
*The Purpose of Theological Education in Wesleyan Perspective: Facilitating Ordinary People to be Ordinary Christians*
- Charles Rivera, Yale University  
*Sanctification and the Experts: Patristic Models for Wesleyan Theological Education*
- Mary Elizabeth Moore, Boston University  
*The Heart of Theological Education: Wisdom, Value, and Transformation*
- Andrew Stobart, Wesley House  
*A World Parish of Higher Education: The Impact of Inter-Contextual Learning on the Coloniality of Wesleyan Theological Knowledge*

**Business Meeting:**

Edgardo Colon-Emeric, Duke University, Presiding

### **A8-118**

#### **Women and Religion Unit**

Theme: **Against Healing**

Tuesday, December 8, 11:00 AM-1:00 PM

Molly Farneth, Haverford College, Presiding

**Panelists:**

Janet R. Jakobsen, Barnard College

Fannie Bialek, Washington University in St. Louis

Laura S. Levitt, Temple University

Melissa M. Wilcox, University of California, Riverside

Timola Jayasinghe, independent scholar

### **A8-119**

#### **Women's Caucus**

Theme: **Feminist Theologies and Religious Studies – Publications from Around the World**

Tuesday, December 8, 11:00 AM-1:00 PM

Julia Enxing, University of Dresden, Presiding

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- Ulrike Auga, Humboldt University of Berlin  
*An Epistemology of Religion and Gender. Biopolitics - Performativity - Agency*
- Veena Howard, California State University, Fresno  
*The Bloomsbury Research Handbook of Indian Philosophy and Gender*
- Hannah Bacon, University of Chester  
*Feminist Theology and Contemporary Dieting Culture: Sin and Salvation in Women's Weight Loss Narratives*

### **Responding:**

Julia Berger, Baha'i International Community

### **A8-200**

#### **African Diaspora Religions Unit**

Theme: **Embodied Offerings, Digital Libations: Africana Diaspora Experiential Engagements in the Time of COVID-19**

Tuesday, December 8, 1:45 PM-3:15 PM

Elana Jefferson-Tatum, Tufts University, Presiding

- Melva L. Sampson, Wake Forest University School of Divinity  
*Going Live!: Black Women's Proclamation in the Digital Age*
- Melissa Alexis, Independent Artist/Scholar  
*Spiraling Black to Wholeness: Embodied Cognition as the Way Back to Embodying the Soul*
- Portsha Jefferson, Independent Artist/Scholar  
*Dancing Spirits: Female Lwa Embodied Through Movement and Ritual*

### **A8-201**

#### **Anthropology of Religion Unit and Religion, Media, and Culture Unit**

Theme: **Renew, Re-voice, Re-imagine: Ethnographies of Religion and Technology**

Tuesday, December 8, 1:45 PM-3:15 PM

James Bielo, Miami University, Presiding

- Jeremy F. Cohen, McMaster University  
*Creating Future Bodies: The Biosocial Imaginaries of Cryonics and Medical Aid in Dying*
- Nick Tackes, Columbia University  
*Om Shanti Emojis: Three Facets of Digital Hinduism*
- Ian VanderMeulen, New York University  
*Technologizing Tajwid: Sound Reproduction, Embodied Performance, and the "Word of God" in Moroccan Qur'an Recitation*
- Rachel Feldman, Franklin and Marshall College  
*"I call it Rabbi YouTube:" Noahidism, Philo-semitism, and Rabbinic Authority in the Global South*

### **Responding:**

Katherine Dugan, Springfield College

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### A8-202

#### Arts, Literature, and Religion Unit and Music and Religion Unit

Theme: **The Heart is a Bloom: U2's Theological Highways and Byways**

Tuesday, December 8, 1:45 PM-3:15 PM

Christopher Patrick Parr, Webster University, Presiding

- David Barbee, Winebrenner Theological Seminary  
*It's A Beautiful Day, But I Still Haven't Found What I'm Looking For: the Eschatological Spirituality of U2*
- Andrew Smith, Tennessee Technological University  
*"America's Making War on Itself": U2, Boston, and the Failure of Unity*
- Steven R. Harmon, Gardner-Webb University School of Divinity  
*"Souls on the Tree of Pain": An Ellacuría Echo in "Bullet the Blue Sky" and the Theological Framework of the "Two Americas" of U2's The Joshua Tree*

### A8-203

#### Buddhism Unit and Japanese Religions Unit

Theme: **The South Asian Roots of Modern Japanese Buddhism: Seeking Śākyamuni by Richard Jaffe (University of Chicago Press, 2019)**

Tuesday, December 8, 1:45 PM-3:15 PM

Hwansoo Kim, Yale University, Presiding

#### Panelists:

Pamela D. Winfield, Elon University

Charles Hallisey, Harvard University

Anne R. Hansen, University of Wisconsin

Justin McDaniel, University of Pennsylvania

Alicia Turner, York University

### A8-204

#### Cognitive Science of Religion Unit

Theme: **Book Panel Discussion with the Author: Joseph Henrich's "The WEIRDest People in the World: How the West Became Psychologically Peculiar and Particularly Prosperous" (Farrar, Straus and Giroux, 2020)**

Tuesday, December 8, 1:45 PM-3:15 PM

Hillary Lenfesty, Arizona State University, Presiding

#### Panelists:

Wesley J. Wildman, Boston University

Ann Taves, University of California, Santa Barbara

Joseph Henrich, Harvard University

Robert N. McCauley, Emory University

### A8-205

#### Contemporary Islam Unit and Political Theology Unit

Theme: **Contemporary Islamic Political Theology: Ethnographies of Tribulation in the Age of Global War**

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Tuesday, December 8, 1:45 PM-3:15 PM

Aaron Eldridge, University of California, Berkeley, Presiding

- M. Bilal Nasir, Northwestern University  
*Between Uhud and Terror: Policing, Race, and Islam in the City of Angels*
- Zunaira Komal, University of California  
*Aafat: Divine Calamity and the Military Psychiatry Hospital in Kashmir*
- Muneeza Rizvi, University of California, Davis  
*Syria in London: Aid Convoys, the Umma, and Islamic Traditions of Charity*
- Basit Iqbal, University of California, Berkeley  
*Ambivalence and Askesis in Zaatari Refugee Camp*

### Responding:

Hussein Ali Agrama, University of Chicago

### A8-216

#### Film: \*Hail Satan?\*

Tuesday, December 8, 1:45 PM-3:15 PM

Joseph Laycock, Texas State University, Presiding

#### Panelists:

Jesper Aagaard Petersen, Norwegian University of Science and Technology

### A8-206

#### Hinduism Unit and North American Hinduism Unit and Religion and Economy Unit Theme: Hinduism, Neoliberalism, and Global 'Spirituality' Discourses in India and America

Tuesday, December 8, 1:45 PM-3:15 PM

Amanda Lucia, University of California, Riverside, Presiding

- Rumya Putcha, University of Georgia  
*New Age Music, Yoga, and the Somatics of 21st Century Orientalism*
- Patton Burchett, College of William and Mary  
*Tantra, Neoliberalism, and Global "Spirituality": A Case Study of a Mumbai-Based Modern-Day Tantrika*
- Claire Robison, Bowdoin College  
*The Gods Go Corporate: 'Lifestyle Hinduism' in Western India*

### A8-207

#### Mysticism Unit

#### Theme: The Imagination of Mysticism

Tuesday, December 8, 1:45 PM-3:15 PM

C. Libby, Pennsylvania State University, Presiding

- Molly Boot, University of Oxford  
*'Vivid Remembrance': The Role of the Imagination in the Spiritualities of Teresa of Avila (d. 1582) and Ignatius of Loyola (d. 1556)*
- Elizabeth Sartell, University of Chicago  
*The Imagination in Maimonides' Mysticism*

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- Jordan Brady Loewen, Syracuse University  
*The Medieval Imagination at the Roots of Postmodern Technological Mysticism*

### **Business Meeting:**

Jason N. Blum, Davidson College, Presiding  
Margarita Simon Guillory, Boston University, Presiding

### **A8-208**

#### **Practical Theology Unit**

Theme: **Pastors in a Changing Religious Context: A Christian Practical Theological Response**

Tuesday, December 8, 1:45 PM-3:15 PM

Sabrina Mueller, University of Zurich, Presiding

- Sheryl Johnson, Graduate Theological Union  
*Pastor as Fundraiser?: Economic Justice and Ecclesial Practices*
- Dustin Benac, Duke University  
*The Evolution of Pastoral and Ecclesial Imagination: Ecclesial Ecology as Place and Prism for Adaptive Work*
- Ciska Stark, Protestant Theological University Amsterdam  
*Transformative Theological Education for a New Guild of Pastors Even Without a Solid Church*

### **A8-209**

#### **Qur'an Unit and Traditions of Eastern Late Antiquity Unit**

Theme: **Translation, Transmission and Intertextuality in Eastern Late Antiquity**

Tuesday, December 8, 1:45 PM-3:15 PM

Jason Mokhtarian, Indiana University, Bloomington, Presiding

- Louise Gallorini, American University of Beirut  
*A Mystical Function: Angels in the Sufi Commentaries on the Qur'an*
- Charles Haberl, Rutgers, the State University of New Jersey  
*Meryey, Standing at the Boundary*
- Natana DeLong-Bas, Boston College  
*Transmission and Intertextuality in Late Antiquity Arabia: Re-Reading Intersecting Conversations Between Developing Religious Communities Through the Virgin Mary*

### **Responding:**

Gordon D. Newby, Emory University

### **A8-210**

#### **Religion and Politics Unit**

Theme: **Religion, Protest, and Revolution**

Tuesday, December 8, 1:45 PM-3:15 PM

Rachel M. Scott, Virginia Tech, Presiding

- Rachana Umashankar, Iona College  
*Religion and Revolution: The Poetry of Faiz Ahmad Faiz and Its Many Publics*
- Joseph Flipper, Bellarmine University

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*Camp, Memorial, and Revolution: The Religious Art of the Chilean Protests (2019-2020)*

- David Warren, Washington University in St. Louis  
*Why and How Does Consistency Matter? Creating and Preserving Yusuf al-Qaradawi's Image During the Arab Spring and Its Aftermath*

### **A8-211**

#### **Indigenous Religious Traditions Unit**

**Theme: Mounds, Burial Grounds, and Memory: The Ethics and Politics of Claiming and Stewarding Land on Turtle Island**

Tuesday, December 8, 1:45 PM-3:15 PM

Meaghan Weatherdon, University of Toronto, Presiding

#### **Panelists:**

Pamela Klassen, University of Toronto

Tiffany Hale, Barnard College of Columbia University

Lindsay Montgomery, University of Arizona

Michael Gueno, University of Wisconsin - Whitewater

Spencer Dew, The Ohio State University / Wittenberg University

#### **Responding:**

Philip Deloria, Harvard University

### **A8-212**

#### **Religions in the Latina/o Americas Unit and Roman Catholic Studies Unit**

**Theme: Healing and Transformation in Catholicisms across the Latina/o Americas**

Tuesday, December 8, 1:45 PM-3:15 PM

Kristy Nabhan-Warren, University of Iowa, Presiding

- Fabio Vieira de Souza,  
*Catholic Praxis and Political Praxis in Brazil After the Second Vatican Council*
- Veronique Lecaros, Pontifical Catholic University of Peru  
Ana Lourdes Suarez, Universidad Católica Argentina  
*Sexual Abuses in the Latin American Catholic Church: Assessing the Problem and the Responses*
- Lynn Hillberg Jencks, Santa Clara University  
*Charismatic Catholicism and Healing Depression Among Latina Immigrants in the US*

#### **Responding:**

Matthew Peter Casey, Arizona State University

### **A8-213**

#### **Religions, Medicines, and Healing Unit**

**Theme: Narratively Framing Therapy and Disease**

Tuesday, December 8, 1:45 PM-3:15 PM

Kristy Slominski, University of Arizona, Presiding

- Emma Nolan-Thomas, University of Michigan

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*"A Cure for All Maladies": Cupping Practices and the Contested Integration of Islamic and Chinese Medical Traditions in Indonesia*

- Mary Corley Dunn, Saint Louis University  
*The Profit and Price of Historiography as Encounter*
- Steven Quach, University of California, Riverside  
*Mindfulness as Healing and Resistance: Buddhist-Inspired Communities Mediated by Meetup.com*

### **P8-200**

#### **Society for the Study of Chinese Religions**

Theme: **Roundtable Discussion**

Tuesday, December 8, 1:45 PM-3:15 PM

### **A8-215**

#### **World Christianity Unit**

Theme: **Round Table: Indigenous Christian Journals as a new Category of Sources for History of World Christianity Studies**

Tuesday, December 8, 1:45 PM-3:15 PM

Jane Carol Redmont, Massachusetts Council of Churches, Presiding

#### **Panelists:**

Klaus Koschorke, University of Munich

Adrian Hermann, University of Bonn

Deanna Womack, Emory University

David Daniels, McCormick Theological Seminary

### **A8-300**

#### **Applied Religious Studies Committee**

Theme: **Preparing Scholars of Religion for Non-Academic Careers: What's a Faculty Member to Do?**

Tuesday, December 8, 4:00 PM-5:30 PM

Mary Beth Yount, Neumann University, Presiding

#### **Panelists:**

Kecia Ali, Boston University

Sarah Fredericks, University of Chicago

Martin Kavka, Florida State University

Gabriel Estrada, California State University, Long Beach

### **A8-304**

**Class, Religion, and Theology Unit and Religion and Disability Studies Unit and Religion and Ecology Unit and Religion and Migration Unit**

Theme: **Survivance, Integrity, Divine Economies and Habitats: the Ecological Crisis and Vulnerable Peoples**

Tuesday, December 8, 4:00 PM-5:30 PM

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Heike Peckruhn, Daemen College, Presiding

- Zaynab Shahar,  
*The Shoreline at the End of the World: Towards a Queer Black Theology of Crip Survivance*
- Kristin Bloomer, Carleton College  
*The Gods Must Be Crazy: Climate Change and Family Gods in Tamil Nadu, South India*
- Christopher Dowdy, Paul Quinn College  
*Wrongs, Claims, and Plans: Lessons for Frontline Communities in the Failure of Sara Winnemucca's School*

**Responding:**

Rosetta E. Ross, Spelman College

**A8-305**

**Critical Approaches to Hip-Hop and Religion Unit**

Theme: **Author Meets Critics: Richard W. Newton, Jr., Identifying Roots: Alex Haley and the Anthropology of Scriptures (Equinox, 2020)**

Tuesday, December 8, 4:00 PM-5:30 PM

Christopher Driscoll, Lehigh University, Presiding

**Panelists:**

Judith Weisenfeld, Princeton University

Kathryn Lofton, Yale University

Monica R. Miller, Lehigh University

**Responding:**

Richard Newton, University of Alabama

**Business Meeting:**

Monica R. Miller, Lehigh University, Presiding

Daniel White Hodge, North Park University, Presiding

**A8-306**

**Hinduism Unit and Religion in South Asia Unit**

Theme: **Modern Medias and Counter-Narratives of Devotion**

Tuesday, December 8, 4:00 PM-5:30 PM

Ankur Desai, Kansas City Art Institute, Presiding

- Richard H. Davis, Bard College  
*Goddesses of Old Calcutta in Print*
- Amy-Ruth Holt, Westerville, OH  
*Hand vs. Machine: The Sacrality of Temple Building in the American Tamil Diaspora*
- Karen Pechilis, Drew University  
*On Not Looking Away: Dance, Broadcast and Digital Circulations of Devotion*
- Emilia Bachrach, Oberlin College and Conservatory  
*Hashtag Hinduism and Mobile Masculinities*

**A8-307**

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## AAR Virtual Annual Meeting Program (All times listed in EST (UTC-5))

### **History of Christianity Unit and World Christianity Unit**

Theme: **Contesting Western Colonial Logics and Legacies in the East**

Tuesday, December 8, 4:00 PM-5:30 PM

Roy Fisher, University of California at Berkeley, Presiding

- Jennifer Welsh, Lindenwood University-Belleville  
*'Chinchinning Joss' and Throwing Pamphlets: Nineteenth-Century Christian Missionaries and Western Views of Okinawa*
- Jethro Calacday, Yale University  
*Canon Law and Colonial Logic: Francisco Gaínza and the Creation of the Native Clergy in the Philippines, 1863-1879*
- Philip Hopkins, Gateway Seminary, Los Angeles  
*Proselytization Efforts of American Protestant Missionaries in Iran during the Last Years of the Pahlavis*

### **A8-308**

#### **International Development and Religion Unit**

Theme: **Theologies and Ideologies of Faith-Based Humanitarianism and Development**

Tuesday, December 8, 4:00 PM-5:30 PM

John Rees, University of Notre Dame, Australia, Presiding

- Alexandra Salvatierra, Fuller Theological Seminary  
*World Vision and Tearfund: Biblically-Based Public Policy Advocacy*
- Jukka Kääriäinen, Evangelical Lutheran Church of Finland  
*The Missiological Challenge of the "Anonymous Missionary" in Faith-Based Development*
- Hannah Waits, Harvard University  
*Promoting Global AIDS Work: Evangelical Theological and Secularized Discourses of Development*

#### **Business Meeting:**

Emma Tomalin, University of Leeds, Presiding

### **A8-309**

#### **Men, Masculinities, and Religions Unit**

Theme: **Toxic Masculinities and Religion**

Tuesday, December 8, 4:00 PM-5:30 PM

Linda G. Jones, University of Pompeu Fabra, Presiding

- Kyle Byron, University of Toronto  
*Shock and Awe: American Street Preaching and the Embodiment of War*
- Allison Murray, Emmanuel College, University of Toronto  
*Toxic Complementarity: Parallels Between Violent Incels and Respectable Evangelicals*
- Jenny Wiley Legath, Princeton University  
*Sheepdog Masculinity: Carrying Concealed Handguns in Churches as a Hegemonic Performance of Manhood*
- Sarah Riccardi-Swartz, New York University

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*Cultic Masculinity: American Male Converts to the Russian Orthodox Church*

- Charles Barber, Emory University  
Tyler Fuller, Boston University  
*The Panoptic Surveillance of Religion on Black Masculinity and the HIV Epidemic Among Black Men Who have Sex with Men*

### **Business Meeting:**

Alyssa Maldonado-Estrada, Kalamazoo College, Presiding

Linda G. Jones, University of Pompeu Fabra, Presiding

### **A8-310**

#### **Moral Injury and Recovery in Religion, Society, and Culture Unit**

Theme: **Noncombatants and Moral Injury: Responsibility for Moral Harm after Violence**

Tuesday, December 8, 4:00 PM-5:30 PM

Laurel Cosgrove Blackthorne, The Florida State University, Presiding

- Rosemary Kellison, University of West Georgia  
*The Critical Power of an Expanded Concept of Moral Injury*
- Shannon Dunn, Gonzaga University  
*Moral Injury and Refugees*
- Kate E. Temoney, Montclair State University  
*The War Came Alive Inside of Them: Genocidal Rape, Moral Injury, and Religion*

### **Responding:**

Atalia Omer, University of Notre Dame

### **A8-301**

#### **Publications Committee**

Theme: **How to Get Published in the AAR/Oxford University Press Book Series and JAAR**

Tuesday, December 8, 4:00 PM-5:30 PM

Cynthia Read, Oxford University Press, Presiding

Timothy Beal, Case Western Reserve University, Presiding

### **Panelists:**

Andrea Jain, Indiana University-Purdue University, Indianapolis

Robert A. Yelle, University of Munich

Margaret D. Kamitsuka, Oberlin College

John Nemecek, University of Virginia

Vincent Lloyd, Villanova University

### **A8-311**

#### **Qur'an Unit**

Theme: **Reading the Qur'an**

Tuesday, December 8, 4:00 PM-5:30 PM

Gordon D. Newby, Emory University, Presiding

- Mian Ahmed Shaheer Afaqi, Indiana University - Purdue University, Indianapolis

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## AAR Virtual Annual Meeting Program (All times listed in EST (UTC-5))

- *Mechanisms for Producing Emotion: Al-Ghazālī on Experiencing the Qur'an*
- Nadir Ansari,  
*Coherence, The Titles of Sūras, and Central Ideas: A Study of the Tafsīr of 'Alā'uddīn al-Muhā'imī*
- Sohaib Saeed, University of Freiburg  
*Towards a 'Canonical Translation' of the Qur'an*

### A8-312

#### Religion and Human Rights Unit

Theme: **Activism, Sacred Space, and the Human**

Tuesday, December 8, 4:00 PM-5:30 PM

Jenna Reinbold, Colgate University, Presiding

- Greg Peterson, South Dakota State University  
Michael Spezio, Scripps College  
Gunes Sevinc, Massachusetts General Hospital & Harvard Medical School  
*Dignifying Human Rights: Competing Conceptions of Autonomy and Their Explanatory Role in Turkish Activism*
- Adam Beyt, Fordham University  
*Norms and the Human: Judith Butler's Philosophy of Nonviolence*
- James Waters, Florida State University  
*Kinship, Activism, & Sacred Space: How the Standing Rock Sioux Expanded Human Rights to Their More-Than-Human Tribe*

### A8-316

#### Sociology of Religion Unit

Theme: **Crossing Global and Religious Boundaries: Social Change, Identity, and Power**

Tuesday, December 8, 4:00 PM-5:30 PM

Jonathan Calvillo, Boston University, Presiding

- Francesco Cerchiaro, Ku Leuven  
*Christian-Muslim couples dealing with religious difference A qualitative inquiry in three European countries*
- Mathew J. Guest, Durham University  
*Stigma and Suspicion in the Lives of Muslim Students: How the 'radicalisation' narrative has changed higher education in Britain*
- Jualynne E. Dodson, Michigan State University  
**"INTEGRATED RELIGIOUS MULTIPLICITY": CHALLENGE TO SOCIOLOGY OF RELIGION**
- Drishadwati Bargi, University of Minnesota  
*Social revolution by other means: The writing of conversion in dalit autobiographies in postcolonial India*

### A8-302

#### Status of Racial and Ethnic Minorities in the Profession Committee

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## AAR Virtual Annual Meeting Program (All times listed in EST (UTC-5))

Theme: **COVID-19 and the 2020 U.S. Presidential Election: Precariousness, Connectedness, Creative Expressions**

Tuesday, December 8, 4:00 PM-5:30 PM

Munir Jiwa, Graduate Theological Union, Presiding

**Panelists:**

Swasti Bhattacharyya, Buena Vista University

Arun W. Jones, Candler School of Theology

Elias Ortega, Meadville Lombard Theological School

Angela Parker, Mercer University

C. Vanessa White, Catholic Theological Union

### **A8-317**

#### **Vatican II Studies Unit**

Theme: **Rereading Vatican II in a World Church**

Tuesday, December 8, 4:00 PM-5:30 PM

Ormond Rush, Australian Catholic University, Presiding

- Judith Gruber, Katholieke Universiteit Leuven  
*Worlding the Church. A Postcolonial Commentary on the Project "International Commentary of the Second Vatican Council"*
- Catherine E. Clifford, Saint Paul University  
*A New Intercontinental Commentary: The Differentiated Receptions of Vatican II*
- Massimo Faggioli, Villanova University  
*Commenting Vatican II in a Largely Post-Institutional Theological and Ecclesial Ecosystem*

**Business Meeting:**

Kristin Colberg, College of Saint Benedict, Saint John's University, Presiding

### **A8-303**

#### **Buddhism Unit**

Theme: **Aesthetics and Ritual in Chinese Buddhist Religions**

Tuesday, December 8, 4:00 PM-6:00 PM

Jason Protass, Brown University, Presiding

- Megan Bryson, University of Tennessee  
*Demonstrating Wrath: The Aesthetics of Horror in Middle-Period Buddhist Art and Ritual*
- Kwi Jeong Lee, Columbia University  
*The Allure of Form: Dedicating Buddha Images at Dunhuang*
- Katherine Alexander, University of Colorado  
*Aesthetic Pleasures of Karmic Revenge and Religious Romance: \*The Precious Scroll of Liu Xiang\* as Popular Narrative*
- Kevin Buckelew, Northwestern University  
*Picturing the Patriarchs: Aesthetic Cultures of Portraiture in Song-Dynasty Chan Buddhism*

**Business Meeting:**

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Bryan Lowe, Princeton University, Presiding  
Reiko Ohnuma, Dartmouth College, Presiding

### A8-313

#### Religion and Science Fiction Unit

Theme: **Alternative Ontologies and Queering Religion**

Tuesday, December 8, 4:00 PM-6:00 PM

Nathan Fredrickson, University of California, Santa Barbara, Presiding

- Zhanze Ni, Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University  
*How the Hippies Reinvented Daoism: Rereading Philip K. Dick's The Man in the High Castle and Ursula Le Guin's The Lathe of Heaven*
- Aaron Goldman, Harvard University  
*The Pantheological Apocalypse of Jeff VanderMeer's \*Southern Reach\*: Ecological Catastrophe and the Shattering of Distinctions*
- Julia McClenon, UCSB  
*Time for Aliens: A Cognitive Narratological Analysis of How Ted Chiang Puts Us Inside Alien-Brain Time and Why Sci-Fi Should Keep Doing So*
- Elliot Mason, Concordia University  
*Who's Afraid of the Big Bad Wolf-God?: Divinity and Monstrosity in Indra Das's The Devourers*

#### Responding:

Rudy V. Busto, University of California, Santa Barbara

#### Business Meeting:

Laura Ammon, Appalachian State University, Presiding

Emanuelle Burton, University of Illinois, Chicago, Presiding

### A8-314

#### Religion and the Social Sciences Unit

Theme: **Transnationalism, Migration, and the Church**

Tuesday, December 8, 4:00 PM-6:00 PM

Carlos Ruiz Martinez, University of Iowa, Presiding

- Cari Myers, Pepperdine University  
*"Same is Better:" A Qualitative Study of Latinx and White Young Adults in Churches of Christ Along the U.S./ Mexico Border*
- Jill Marsh, Northampton Methodist District, Methodist Church in Britain  
*White Privilege and Cosmopolitanism in the British Methodist Church: A Study*

#### Business Meeting:

Nichole Phillips, Emory University, Presiding

Sara Williams, Emory University, Presiding

### A8-315

**Sacred Texts, Theory, and Theological Construction Unit and SBL Reading, Theory and the Bible Unit**

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## AAR Virtual Annual Meeting Program (All times listed in EST (UTC-5))

Theme: **A Thousand Readings: Theology and the Bible with Deleuze and Guattari's A Thousand Plateaus, Forty Years Later**

Tuesday, December 8, 4:00 PM-6:00 PM

Robert Seesengood, Albright College, Presiding

- Sam Mickey, University of San Francisco  
*The 40-Year-Old Rhizome: A Limiting and Liberating Legacy*
- Hannah Strommen, University of Chichester  
*Mapping Biblical Assemblages: A Thousand Plateaus as a Resource for Biblical Reception History*
- David Fuller, McMaster Divinity College  
*Coding and Speech, Writing and Desire: Reading 2 Enoch with Deleuze and Guattari*
- D. Brendan Johnson, Duke University  
*De-/Reterritorialization in Ezekiel: Eschatology, Prophecy, and the 'Schizophrenic Physician'*

**A8-400**

**African Religions Unit**

Theme: **Business Meeting:**

Tuesday, December 8, 5:30 PM-6:00 PM

David Amponsah, University of Pennsylvania, Presiding

**Business Meeting:**

Adriaan Van Klinken, University of Leeds, Presiding

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### A9-100

#### Daoist Studies Unit

Theme: **Renegotiating Unseen Realms: Studies on the Ritual Reinvention Among Late-Imperial and Contemporary Daoists**

Wednesday, December 9, 9:00 AM-10:30 AM

Jessey Choo, Rutgers University, Presiding

- Tyler Feezell, Arizona State University  
*Ritual Narratives and Female Sin: Xuehu 血湖 (Blood Lake) Rites in the Guangcheng yizhi 廣成儀制 (Imperially Approved Rituals of the [Master] of Broad Achievement)*
- Stephen Flanigan, University of Hawai'i  
*The Fire Jiao: A Paradigm-Challenging Rite of Late-Imperial Exorcism*
- Kenneth Dean, National University of Singapore  
*Daoist Diasporas: Spirit Mediums, Daoist Masters and Ritual Events in Singapore and Malaysia*

#### Responding:

Mayfair Yang, University of California, Santa Barbara

### A9-102

#### Academic Labor and Contingent Faculty Committee and Academic Relations Committee

Theme: **Developing Institutional Literacy: How Do New Faculty Find Out What They Need to Know?**

Wednesday, December 9, 11:00 AM-1:00 PM

Susan E. Hill, University of Northern Iowa, Presiding

#### Panelists:

Arthur Zárate, San Jose State University

Kristy Slominski, University of Arizona

Ashley Coleman Taylor, University of Texas at Austin

### A9-103

#### Animals and Religion Unit

Theme: **Ritualizing and Remembering Animal Death**

Wednesday, December 9, 11:00 AM-1:00 PM

David Aftandilian, Texas Christian University, Presiding

- Barbara Ambros, University of North Carolina  
*Celebrating Creation and Commemorating Life: Ritualizing Pet Death in Christian, Jewish, and Buddhist Communities in the U.S.*
- Wendy Wiseman, University of California, Santa Barbara  
*"Do You Believe in Ghosts?": Genocide, Ecocide, and the Im/possibility of Redemption*

#### Business Meeting:

Barbara Ambros, University of North Carolina, Presiding

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## AAR Virtual Annual Meeting Program (All times listed in EST (UTC-5))

Eric Meyer, Carroll College, Presiding

### A9-104

#### **Buddhism Unit and Religions, Social Conflict, and Peace Unit**

**Theme: New Perspectives on Socially Engaged Buddhism: From Extinguishing Suffering to Collective Transformation of the World**

Wednesday, December 9, 11:00 AM-1:00 PM

Rongdao Lai, McGill University, Presiding

- Douglas Gildow, Chinese University Hong Kong  
*The Earliest Chinese Socially Engaged Buddhism*
- Gitanjali Surendran, Jindal Global Law School  
*B. R. Ambedkar and the Indian Prehistory of Socially Engaged Buddhism, c 1890-1970*
- Jessica Zu, Princeton University  
*Buddhist Story-Telling as Social Commentary: Three Modern Afterlives of the Outcaste Maiden*
- Jordan Baskerville, University of Wisconsin, Madison  
*Dhamma and Social Change: The Formation of Socially Engaged Buddhist Networks in Thailand*
- Sara Swenson, Syracuse University  
*Dirty Dāna: The Emotional Virtue of Generosity Among Buddhist Charities in Vietnam*

### A9-105

#### **Comparative Theology Unit**

**Theme: Sound as God-Talk: Approaches to Comparative Theology of Music**

Wednesday, December 9, 11:00 AM-1:00 PM

Mark Edwards, Princeton Theological Seminary, Presiding

- Lucinda Mosher, Hartford Seminary  
*Is It "Praying Twice?" An Anglican Christian Comparative Theological Consideration of Chanting and Hymn-Singing in Bhakti Hindu, Sikh, and Sufi Muslim Traditions*
- Thomas Cattoi, Graduate Theological Union  
*Sounds of the End: Music and Eschatology in Messiaen's \_Quartet for the End of Time\_ and the Tibetan Practice of \_Chöd\_*
- Michael VanZandt Collins, Boston College  
*Beyond \_A Love Supreme\_? John Coltrane's Classic, Muslim-Christian Comparative Theology, and an Ethic of Listening*
- Wilhelmus Valkenberg, Catholic University of America  
*\_“How Easily Things Get Broken”\_: Leonard Bernstein and Osvaldo Golijov on the Body and Blood of Christ\_*
- Loye Ashton, Aoyama Gakuin University  
*Rhythm and Reality: Constructing a Comparative Theology of Creativity and Dynamic Non-Duality Abstract*
- Kijin James Wu, Chang Jung Christian University School of Theology  
*Ritual and Music: A Comparative Study*

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### **Business Meeting:**

Bede Bidlack, Saint Anselm College, Presiding

### **A9-117**

#### **Exploratory Sessions**

Theme: **Critical Whiteness Studies and Global Religion**

Wednesday, December 9, 11:00 AM-1:00 PM

David P. Gushee, Mercer University, Presiding

#### **Panelists:**

J. Kameron Carter,

Jennifer Harvey, Drake University

Peter Heltzel, New York Theological Seminary

Elizabeth Ingenthron, Jewish Voice for Peace

Khyati Joshi, Fairleigh Dickinson University

Chanequa Walker-Barnes, Mercer University

Eric Weed, Garrett-Evangelical Theological Seminary

### **A9-106**

#### **Hinduism Unit**

Theme: **The Ayodhya Verdict: The Jurisprudence and Geography of Modern Hinduism**

Wednesday, December 9, 11:00 AM-1:00 PM

Diana Dimitrova, University of Montreal, Presiding

- Christopher Fleming, University of Southern California  
*In Breach of Trust with God? Fiduciary Principles and the Bar of Limitation in the Ayodhya Verdict*
- Knut Axel Jacobsen, University of Bergen  
*Hinduization of Space and the Case of Ayodhyā*
- Jeremy Saul, Mahidol University  
*The Ayodhya Decision and Marwari Merchants: Financing Ram Devotion Through Hanuman*

#### **Responding:**

Deepak Sarma, Case Western Reserve University

### **A9-107**

#### **Mormon Studies Unit**

Theme: **Mormonism in the History of Sexuality**

Wednesday, December 9, 11:00 AM-1:00 PM

Sara Patterson, Hanover College, Presiding

#### **Panelists:**

Colleen McDannell, University of Utah

Anthony Petro, Boston University

Heather White, University of Puget Sound

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### **Responding:**

Peter Coviello, University of Illinois, Chicago  
Taylor Petrey, Kalamazoo College

### **Business Meeting:**

Sara Patterson, Hanover College, Presiding  
Taylor Petrey, Kalamazoo College, Presiding

### **A9-108**

#### **New Religious Movements Unit**

Theme: **Beliefs Beyond Borders - Asian New Religious Movements in Transnational Contexts**

Wednesday, December 9, 11:00 AM-1:00 PM

Yaakov Ariel, University of North Carolina At Chapel Hill, Presiding

- Emily McKendry-Smith, University of West Georgia  
*Polysemic Understandings of Tradition and Legitimacy Among the Brahma Kumaris in Nepal*
- Timothy Smith, University of North Carolina  
*On the Outside Looking Further Out - Tenrikyō's Transnational Interfaith Networking as Self Reflection and Self-Reinvention*
- Kyungsoo Lee, Rice University  
*Sex as the Origin of Sin in Early Christian Gnostics and Korean NRMs*
- Naohito Miura, Harvard University  
*Schisms in Transnational Japanese NRMs: The Case of Sekai Kyūseikyō*
- Kirby Sokolow, University of Pennsylvania  
*Transforming the Incarcerated Self: Buddhist Modernism in American Prisons*

### **Business Meeting:**

Joseph Laycock, Texas State University, Presiding  
Lydia Willsky-Ciollo, Fairfield University, Presiding

### **A9-109**

#### **Open and Relational Theologies Unit**

Theme: **What Open & Relational Theologies Have Always Shared**

Wednesday, December 9, 11:00 AM-1:00 PM

Jon Paul Sydnor, Emmanuel College, Boston, Presiding

- John Sanders, Hendrix College  
*What Open and Relational Theologies Have Always Shared: Nurturant Values*

### **Responding:**

Wm. Curtis Holtzen, Hope International University  
Michael Zbaraschuk, Pacific Lutheran University  
Krista E. Hughes, Newberry College

### **Business Meeting:**

Wm. Andrew Schwartz, Claremont School of Theology, Presiding

### **A9-110**

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## AAR Virtual Annual Meeting Program (All times listed in EST (UTC-5))

### Quaker Studies Unit

Theme: **Revolution and Dissent in Quaker Theology and Practice**

Wednesday, December 9, 11:00 AM-1:00 PM

Jennifer Buck, Azusa Pacific University, Presiding

- Jennifer Rycenga, San Jose State University  
*The Percolation of Jonathan Dymond's Thought Among New England Abolitionists, 1829-1836*
- Isaac Barnes May, University of Virginia  
Mae Speight, University of Virginia  
*Quakers and the Women's Ministry Revolution: Quaker Influences on Women's Ordination Among Mainline and Liberal Protestants in the United States*
- Rhiannon Grant, Woodbrooke Quaker Study Centre, Birmingham, UK  
*Thou Shalt Decide For Yourself: The Continuity of Change in British Liberal Quaker Theology*

#### Responding:

James Krippner

### A9-111

#### Religion and Disability Studies Unit

Theme: **Disability, Community, and Theology: Panel on Brian Brock's "Wondrously Wounded" and Grant Macaskill's "Autism and the Church" (Baylor University Press, 2019)**

Wednesday, December 9, 11:00 AM-1:00 PM

Devan Stahl, Baylor University, Presiding

- Calli Micale, Yale University  
*Desiring Disability—Disability Theology Beyond Inclusion*
- Joanna Leidenhag, University of St Andrews  
*Autism, Liturgy and the Human Person Before God*
- Elizabeth Agnew Cochran, Duquesne University  
*Moral Formation and Autism: Challenges for an Inclusive Model of Moral Agency*
- Sarah Jean Barton, Western Theological Seminary  
*Re-Membering Methodology in Theologies of Disability*

#### Responding:

Brian Brock, University of Aberdeen

Grant Macaskill, University of Aberdeen

### A9-112

#### Religion and the Social Sciences Unit

Theme: **What's At Stake in the Everyday?: Positionality, Authority, and Ordinary Ethics in the Study of Religion**

Wednesday, December 9, 11:00 AM-1:00 PM

Michael Grigoni, Duke University, Presiding

- Emmy Corey, Emory University

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*"I Don't Have a Survey. Can We Still Hang Out?": Finding the Everyday in a Nairobi Clinic*

- Aalekhya Malladi, Emory University  
*"You're a Researcher, You Tell Me": Positionality, Authority, and Everyday Religion in South India*
- Cara Curtis, Emory University  
*Listening In-Between: Multiplicity and Ethical Imagination in Multi-Sited Ethnographic Research*
- Emily Dubie, Duke University  
*Problematizing Divine Absence: God's Command & the Moral Life in Qualitative Research in Religion*

### **Responding:**

Todd D. Whitmore, University of Notre Dame

### **A9-113**

#### **Arts, Literature, and Religion Unit**

Theme: **Witnesses to Exile: Blackness and Jewishness Between France and America**

Wednesday, December 9, 11:00 AM-1:00 PM

Mendel Kranz, University of Chicago, Presiding

- Paul Cato, University of Chicago  
*Talk of Love and Exile: The Religiosity of James Baldwin and Emmanuel Levinas's International Community of Discourse*
- Joel Swanson, University of Chicago  
*\*A Pathologically Abnormal Situation\*: Le Cercle Gaston Crémieux and the [Im]possibility of an Anti-National Jewishness*
- Kirsten Collins, University of Chicago  
*Witnessing Whiteness: Re-Reading "The Jew" in Maurice Blanchot's Philosophy of Exile*

### **Business Meeting:**

Elissa Cutter, Georgian Court University, Presiding

Carol Ferrara, Boston University, Presiding

### **A9-114**

#### **Religion in Southeast Asia Unit**

Theme: **New Decade, New Directions: Advancing the Study of Southeast Asian Religions**

**Religions**

Wednesday, December 9, 11:00 AM-1:00 PM

Charles Carstens,, Presiding

### **Panelists:**

Alexandra Kaloyanides, University of North Carolina, Charlotte

Richard Fox, University of Victoria

Oona Paredes, UCLA

Chiara Formichi, Cornell University

Penny Edwards, University of California, Berkeley

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Alicia Izharuddin, Harvard Divinity School  
Cuong T. Mai, Appalachian State University  
Kelly Meister, University of Chicago  
Thomas Borchert, University of Vermont  
Nathan McGovern, University of Wisconsin, Whitewater

### **Business Meeting:**

Etin Anwar, Hobart and William Smith Colleges, Presiding  
Alexandra Kaloyanides, University of North Carolina, Charlotte, Presiding

### **A9-115**

#### **Space, Place, and Religion Unit**

Theme: **Place and Religious Performance**

Wednesday, December 9, 11:00 AM-1:00 PM

Joy Palacios, University of Calgary, Presiding

- Sarah K. Pinnock, Trinity University  
*Pilgrimage and the Performance of Healing at Auschwitz-Birkenau*
- Kyle Byron, University of Toronto  
*Rhythm, Place, and Performance in American Street Preaching*
- Hans Olsson, University of Copenhagen  
*The Performance of God's Champion Farmer: Place-Making, (Environmental) Restoration and Charismatic Christianity in South Africa*
- Saliha Chattoo, University of Toronto  
*The Power of Performance: Pentecostals in Texas and the Formation of Sacred Space*
- Aron Engberg, Lund University  
*Christian Zionism as a Second Conversion*

### **A9-116**

#### **Study of Islam Unit**

Theme: **Author-Meets-Critics: SherAli Tareen's Defending Muhammad in Modernity (University of Notre Dame Press, 2020)**

Wednesday, December 9, 11:00 AM-1:00 PM

Ali Altaf Mian, University of Florida, Presiding

#### **Panelists:**

Kecia Ali, Boston University  
Arvind Mandair, University of Michigan  
Megan Robb, University of Pennsylvania  
Basit Iqbal, University of California, Berkeley

#### **Responding:**

SherAli Tareen, Franklin and Marshall College

#### **Business Meeting:**

Elliott Bazzano, Le Moyne College, Presiding  
Ilyse Morgenstein Fuerst, University of Vermont, Presiding

### **A9-101**

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## AAR Virtual Annual Meeting Program (All times listed in EST (UTC-5))

### **Wildcard Session**

Theme: **Making Sense of/from the 2020 US Election**

Wednesday, December 9, 11:00 AM-1:00 PM

Jeremy Posadas, Austin College, Presiding

#### **Panelists:**

Vincent Bacote, Wheaton College, Illinois

Eleanor Craig, Harvard University

Dorothy Dean, Berea College

Jamil Drake, Florida State University

Gastn Espinosa, Claremont McKenna College

Ángel Gallardo, Southern Methodist University

Zareena Grewal, Yale University

Sylvester Johnson, Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University

Robert P. Jones, PRRI

SueJeanne Koh, University of California, Irvine

Rita Brock, Volunteers of America

Nichole Phillips, Emory University

L. Benjamin Rolsky, Rutgers University

Rosetta E. Ross, Spelman College

Charlene Sinclair, Union Theological Seminary

Daisy Vargas, University of Arizona

Thelathia Young, Bucknell University

### **A9-201**

#### **Arts, Literature, and Religion Unit**

Theme: **A Step Closer to Heaven: Nineteenth-Century American Women Writers and Theologies of the Afterlife**

Wednesday, December 9, 1:45 PM-3:15 PM

Emily Hamilton-Honey, SUNY Canton, Presiding

#### **Panelists:**

LuElla D'Amico, University of the Incarnate Word

Margaret Lowe, Bridgewater State University

Amy Easton-Flake, Brigham Young University

Jennifer McFarlane-Harris, Xavier University

### **A9-202**

#### **Chinese Christianities Unit**

Theme: **Negotiating Space and Place**

Wednesday, December 9, 1:45 PM-3:15 PM

Christie Chui-Shan Chow, City Seminary of New York, Presiding

- Heidi Campbell, Baylor University

*The Cut Lotus Can Still Bloom: Seventh-Day Adventist Women's Discovery of Agency, Purpose, and Resilience as Missionaries in China from 1902-1949*

- Michel Chambon, Hanover College

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*Spring Couplets and the Materialization of Chinese Christianity*

- Easten Law, Georgetown University  
*Negotiating a Lived Chinese Theology Across Boundaries - the Mainland Chinese Christian Experience in Hong Kong*

### **Responding:**

Joseph Ho, Albion College

### **Business Meeting:**

Alexander Chow, University of Edinburgh, Presiding

### **A9-203**

#### **Christian Systematic Theology Unit**

Theme: **Creation, Mysticism, and Theosis: Perspectives on a Theology of Participation**

Wednesday, December 9, 1:45 PM-3:15 PM

Jim Fodor, St. Bonaventure University, Presiding

- Patrick Haley, Princeton Theological Seminary  
*Diversity or Disorder: Between Athanasius and Origen on Differentiation in Creation*
- Eugene Schlesinger, Santa Clara University  
*The Tie that Binds: Mysticism and Sacrifice in Henri de Lubac*
- Aaron Davis, Union Presbyterian Seminary  
*"Draw Me After You:" Toward an Erotic Theosis*
- Erik Estrada, Texas Christian University  
*Universalism or Fire and Brimstone?: Rufinus of Aquileia's Attempt to Reclaim Origen's Eschatology for Catholic Christianity*

### **A9-204**

#### **Contemporary Pagan Studies Unit**

Theme: **Narrating Change in Paganism**

Wednesday, December 9, 1:45 PM-3:15 PM

Vivianne Crowley, Nottingham Trent University, Presiding

- Deoin Cleveland, Cherry Hill Seminary  
*Missing Millennials: Investigation of Millennial Pagan Identities, Rejection of Community, and Inter-Generational Conflict*
- Julia Phillips, University of Bristol  
*Pagan Witchcraft and Cunning Folk*
- Sabina Magliocco, University of British Columbia  
*The Time of the Tower: Apocalyptic Narratives in Modern Paganisms*

### **A9-205**

#### **History of Christianity Unit**

Theme: **Roundtable on Disability in Medieval Christian Philosophy and Theology**, ed. **Scott M. Williams (Routledge, 2020)**

Wednesday, December 9, 1:45 PM-3:15 PM

Meghan Henning, University of Dayton, Presiding

### **Panelists:**

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Lauren F. Winner, Duke University  
Brian Brock, University of Aberdeen  
Amber Griffioen, University of Konstanz  
Martin Pickave, University of Toronto

### **Responding:**

Scott Williams, UNC Asheville  
Richard Cross, University of Notre Dame  
Miguel J. Romero, University of Notre Dame  
John Slotemaker, Boston College

### **A9-206**

#### **Lesbian-Feminisms and Religion Unit**

Theme: **Lesbian-Feminist Methodologies**

Wednesday, December 9, 1:45 PM-3:15 PM

Michelle Wolff, Augustana College, Presiding

- Wendy Mallette, Yale University  
*Desiring the Lesbian Feminist Killjoy: Affective Negativity in Sara Ahmed and Beverly Smith*
- Shatavia Wynn, Vanderbilt University  
*Expanding Experience and Categories*
- Laurie Eckerberger, University of Wales Trinity Saint David  
*Lesbian-Feminism as a Methodology: How to Avoid Erasure*

### **Business Meeting:**

Sarah Bloesch, University of North Carolina At Chapel Hill, Presiding

### **A9-200**

#### **Program Committee Committee Meeting**

Wednesday, December 9, 1:45 PM-3:15 PM

Whitney Bauman, Florida International University, Presiding

### **A9-207**

#### **Queer Studies in Religion Unit**

Theme: **Myths, Histories, Hauntings**

Wednesday, December 9, 1:45 PM-3:15 PM

William Boyce, University of Virginia, Presiding

- Shoshana McClarence, University of Denver/ Iliff Theology School  
*The First Brick Thrown: Myth and Materiality Through the Stonewall Riots*
- Skyler Keiter-Massefski, Yale Divinity School  
*Temporal Hauntings: Ambiguity, Eschatology, and the Lived Finitude of Trans Embodiment*
- Shonda Nicole Gladden, Indiana University (Indianapolis)  
*\*Drag\* Me to Church: Trans-Versing Black Church Performance Through Ball Culture*
- Cameron Partridge, St. Aidan's Episcopal Church  
*The Hyena and the Early Christian Morphological Imaginary*

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## AAR Virtual Annual Meeting Program (All times listed in EST (UTC-5))

### **Business Meeting:**

Brandy Daniels, University of Portland, Presiding

### **A9-208**

#### **Religion and Popular Culture Unit and Yoga in Theory and Practice Unit**

Theme: **The Power of Context, Identity, and Capital: Three 2020 Books Interrogating Spirituality and Yoga**

Wednesday, December 9, 1:45 PM-3:15 PM

Paul Bramadat, University of Victoria, Presiding

#### **Panelists:**

Amanda Lucia, University of California, Riverside

Andrea Jain, Indiana University-Purdue University, Indianapolis

Anya Foxen, California Polytechnic State University

Hugh B. Urban, Ohio State University

Kathryn Lofton, Yale University

Dheepa Sundaram, University of Denver

Neil Dalal, University of Alberta

### **A9-209**

#### **Ricoeur Unit**

Theme: **Feminist Hermeneutics After Pamela Sue Anderson**

Wednesday, December 9, 1:45 PM-3:15 PM

Stephanie N. Arel, Fordham University, Presiding

- Kerilyn Harkaway-Krieger, Gordon College  
*How We Talk When We Talk About God: Metaphor, Embodiment, and the Work of Theology*
- Patrick McCauley, Chestnut Hill College  
*Suspicion and Faith in Ricoeur, Anderson and Kant*

### **A9-210**

#### **Roman Catholic Studies Unit**

Theme: **Journalism and Clerical Sex Abuse Before and After the Boston Globe's Spotlight Reports**

Wednesday, December 9, 1:45 PM-3:15 PM

Maura Jane Farrelly, Brandeis University, Presiding

#### **Panelists:**

Eileen McNamara, Brandeis

Matthew Carroll, Northwestern University

Mark Massa, Boston College

### **A9-211**

#### **Sacred Texts, Theory, and Theological Construction Unit**

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## AAR Virtual Annual Meeting Program (All times listed in EST (UTC-5))

### Theme: **Manifold Interventions: Political, Queer, and Decolonial Openings in Constructive Theology**

Wednesday, December 9, 1:45 PM-3:15 PM

Filipe Maia, Boston University, Presiding

- Robert Overy-Brown, Claremont Graduate University  
*The Entrapment of Political Theology by its Texts: Toward a Pluralistic Intervention*
- Timothy Couper, Drew University Theological School  
*Three Queer Constructions of God: Theorizing the Trinity as the Embodiment of Triadic Temporalities*
- Henry Kuo, Greensboro College  
*Salvation as Method: Deimperializing National Soteriologies*

#### **Business Meeting:**

Jacob Erickson, Trinity College, Dublin, Presiding

Filipe Maia, Boston University, Presiding

### **A9-212**

#### **Study of Islam Unit**

Theme: **The Politics of Everyday Islam: Space, Place, and Devotion**

Wednesday, December 9, 1:45 PM-3:15 PM

Marcia Hermansen, Loyola University, Chicago, Presiding

- Parnia Vafaeikia, University of Toronto  
*The Poetics and Politics of Walking: An Ethnography of The Arbaeen Pilgrimage*
- Timothy Gutmann, University of Chicago  
*Constant Bonds: Wang Daiyu's 王岱輿 Islamic Humanism*
- Aun Hasan Ali, University of Colorado  
*The Sanctuary of The Twelfth Imam in Hillah*

### **A9-213**

#### **Study of Judaism Unit**

Theme: **Jewish Objects, Jewish Affects: Crafting, Relics, Tea Cups, Toys, and Delis**

Wednesday, December 9, 1:45 PM-3:15 PM

Nora L. Rubel, University of Rochester, Presiding

#### **Panelists:**

Jodi Eichler-Levine, Lehigh University

Rachel Gross, San Francisco State University

Laura Leibman, Reed College

Laura S. Levitt, Temple University

#### **Responding:**

S. Brent Plate, Hamilton College

### **A9-214**

#### **Theology of Martin Luther King Jr. Unit**

Theme: **Black Hope and Social Imagination in the Thought of Martin Luther King, Jr.**

Wednesday, December 9, 1:45 PM-3:15 PM

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## AAR Virtual Annual Meeting Program (All times listed in EST (UTC-5))

Valerie Miles-Tribble, American Baptist Seminary of the West, Presiding

- Phillip Allen, Fuller Theological Seminary  
*The Prophetic Lens: Film as a Tool for Public Theology for Martin Luther King, Jr. and Contemporary Black Filmmakers*
- David Justice, Saint Louis University  
*Negating Capitalism: The Beloved Community as Negative Political Theology and Positive Social Imaginary*
- Andre E. Johnson, University of Memphis  
*From Riverside to the River City: The Prophetic Pessimism and Hope of Martin Luther King*
- Darrius Hills, Morgan State University  
*The True Measure of American Greatness: Relationality, Power, and Community in the Thinking of Bernard Loomer, Howard Thurman, and Martin Luther King*

### **Responding:**

Vincent Lloyd, Villanova University

### **Business Meeting:**

Leonard McKinnis, Saint Louis University, Presiding

### **A9-300**

#### **Academic Relations Committee**

Theme: **Department Chairs and Program Coordinators' Meeting**

Wednesday, December 9, 4:00 PM-5:30 PM

Susan E. Hill, University of Northern Iowa, Presiding

### **A9-301**

#### **Black Theology Unit**

Theme: **Black Theology Post-Cone: Interrogating Value, Mis-Religion, and the Theological Legacies of Settler Colonialism**

Wednesday, December 9, 4:00 PM-5:30 PM

Ben Sanders, Eden Theological Seminary, Presiding

- Andrea Smith, University of California, Riverside  
*James Cone: Settler Colonialism and Anti-Blackness in Indigenous Theologies*
- Andre Key, Claflin University  
*"Mis-Religion of the Negro and Oppression" William R. Jones, Theodicy, and Black Theology.*
- Amaryah Shaye Armstrong, Virginia Tech  
*A Measure of Existence: The Value of A Black Theology of Liberation*

### **Responding:**

Adam Clark, Xavier University

### **Business Meeting:**

Eboni Marshall Turman, Yale University, Presiding

### **A9-302**

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## AAR Virtual Annual Meeting Program (All times listed in EST (UTC-5))

### **Buddhist Philosophy Unit**

Theme: **Perspectives on Douglas Duckworth's *Tibetan Buddhist Philosophy of Mind and Nature* (Oxford University Press, 2018)**

Wednesday, December 9, 4:00 PM-5:30 PM

John Makransky, Boston College, Presiding

- John Dunne, University of Wisconsin  
*Immediacy and Construction in Late Indian Mahāyāna Thought*
- Wendi Adamek, University of Calgary  
*'Mind and Nature' in Other Traditions: China, 6th-8th Centuries*
- Jin Y Park, American University  
*Non-duality Thesis and Buddhist Philosophy: the Case of Huayan and Zen Buddhism*
- Constance Kassor, Lawrence University  
*What are Buddhist Philosophers Doing when they "do Philosophy"?*

#### **Responding:**

Douglas S. Duckworth, Temple University

### **A9-303**

#### **Christian Systematic Theology Unit**

Theme: **Trends and Challenges in Religious Publishing: A Publishers' Roundtable**

Wednesday, December 9, 4:00 PM-5:30 PM

Jessica Wong, Azusa Pacific University, Presiding

#### **Panelists:**

Charles Collier, Wipf and Stock Publishers

Jennifer Banks, Yale University Press

#### **Responding:**

Natalie Carnes, Baylor University

### **A9-304**

#### **Ecclesiological Investigations Unit**

Theme: **Church and the Common Good**

Wednesday, December 9, 4:00 PM-5:30 PM

Cristina Lledo Gomez, BBI-The Australian Institute for Theological Education, Presiding

- Scott Hagley, Pittsburgh Theological Seminary  
*Won't You Be My Neighbor? Neighborhood Church in a Consumerist Age*
- Nicholas Hayes, Boston College  
*Power Politics for the Common Good: The Political Ecclesiology of Alinsky Organizing*
- Christopher C. Brittain, Trinity College, Toronto  
*Faithfully Embracing the Public Sphere: Religious Citizenship and Public Engagement in the UK and Canada*

#### **Business Meeting:**

Brian Flanagan, Marymount University, Presiding

Vladimir Latinovic, University of Tübingen, Presiding

### **A9-305**

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## AAR Virtual Annual Meeting Program (All times listed in EST (UTC-5))

### **Innovations in Chaplaincy and Spiritual Care Unit and Interreligious and Interfaith Studies Unit**

Theme: **Interfaith Chaplaincy and Higher Education**

Wednesday, December 9, 4:00 PM-5:30 PM

Varun Soni, University of Southern California, Presiding

- Jem Jebbia, Stanford University  
*Indigenizing College Chaplaincy: Beyond Decolonization*
- Vineet Chander, Princeton University  
*Lokah Samastah Sukhino Bhavantu: A Hindu Approach to Spiritual Care and Chaplaincy*
- Monica Sanford, Rochester Institute of Technology  
*The Emptiness of 'Religion:' Buddhist Strategies for Deconstructing / Decolonizing Religion & Embracing Diverse Lifeways in Chaplaincy Education & Spiritual Care Praxis*

#### **Responding:**

Kirstin Boswell Ford, University of Chicago

### **P9-300**

#### **Karl Barth Society of North America**

Theme: **Barth and Nationalism**

Wednesday, December 9, 4:00 PM-5:30 PM

Paul Dafydd Jones, University of Virginia, Presiding

- Angela Hancock, Pittsburgh Theological Seminary  
*Preaching to Citizens?: Karl Barth's Critique of Nationalism and the Politics of Proclamation*
- Matt Jantzen, Hope College  
*Karl Barth and the Cold War: The Doctrine of Providence Between East and West*
- Alberto La Rosa Rojas, Duke University Divinity School  
*Participation in the Indwelling God: Toward a Theology of Home*

#### **Responding:**

Eric Gregory, Princeton University

#### **Business Meeting:**

Keith Johnson, Wheaton College, Presiding

### **A9-306**

#### **Platonism and Neoplatonism Unit**

Theme: **Nature**

Wednesday, December 9, 4:00 PM-5:30 PM

Alexander J.B. Hampton, University of Toronto, Presiding

- Travis Proctor, Wittenberg University  
*Porphyry of Tyre and the "Posthuman" Environments of the Ancient Mediterranean*
- Nathan Tilley, Duke University  
*Inhabiting a Different World: Neoplatonic Asceticism and Ecological Thought in a World of Change*

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- James Smoker, University of St Andrews  
*Samuel Taylor Coleridge's (1772-1834) Platonism, Relational Nature, and the Unsettled Mind*
- Willemien Otten, University of Chicago  
*Nature and Gender in medieval Christian Platonism*

### A9-308

#### Religion in Southeast Asia Unit and Study of Islam Unit

Theme: **Islam in Southeast Asia: Formation, Indigenization, Modernization**

Wednesday, December 9, 4:00 PM-5:30 PM

James Hoesterey, Emory University, Presiding

- Andi Herawati, Indiana University Bloomington  
*Traditional Islam and Modernity in Indonesia: The Activism of the Nahdatul Ulama and Its Leaders*
- Muhamad Ali, University of California, Riverside  
*Judging Religious Others: Islam and Religious Pluralism in Contemporary Indonesia*
- Torsten Tschacher, Freie Universität Berlin  
*The Idea of Religion and the Criminalization of Moharram in the Straits Settlements, 1830-1870*
- Siti Sarah Muwahidah, Emory University  
*The 'Alids Came to Nusantara: Shi'i Imams and the Creation of Indo-Malay Sacred Geography*

### A9-309

#### Buddhism Unit

Theme: **The Aesthetics and Emotions of Religious Belonging: Case Studies from Buddhist Communities**

Wednesday, December 9, 4:00 PM-5:30 PM

Erica Baffelli, The University of Manchester, Presiding

- Frederik Schröer, Max Planck Institute for Human Development  
*Double Absence: Time and Emotions in the Formation of Buddhist Feeling Communities*
- Levi McLaughlin, North Carolina State University  
*Practicing Beethoven as Buddhist Practice: The Role of Classical Music in Soka Gakkai's Past and Future*
- Dominique Townsend, Bard College  
*Feeling The Way to Revelation: The Work of Aesthetics and Emotions in Belonging to a Tibetan Treasure (gter ma) tradition*

#### Responding:

Sarah Jacoby, Northwestern University

### A9-310

#### Sacred Texts and Ethics Unit

As of September 21. All sessions subject to change.

## AAR Virtual Annual Meeting Program (All times listed in EST (UTC-5))

### Theme: **Textual Healing: Cosmological Creation, Divine Participation, and Hopeful Political Action**

Wednesday, December 9, 4:00 PM-5:30 PM

Raissa Von Doetinchem De Rande, Princeton University, Presiding

- Evan LeBarre, University of Texas, Austin  
*Ethical Formation at the Intersection of Authorship and Cosmology in an Ancient South Asian Text: The Mānavadharmasāstra's Construction of the Ideal Ethical Subject*
- Eun Hwang, University of Chicago  
*The Therapeutic Effect of Scriptural Interpretations on Lived Experience in Augustine and Tiantai Zhi Yi*
- Nathan Hershberger, Duke University  
*Healing Memory: Münster and the Hermeneutics of Wounded Hope*

### **Business Meeting:**

Tyler Atkinson, Bethany College, Presiding

Elizabeth Goldstein, Gonzaga University, Presiding

### **A9-307**

#### **Religion and Politics Unit**

Theme: **Religion in Politics and Politics in Religion**

Wednesday, December 9, 4:00 PM-6:00 PM

Nicholas Adams, University of Birmingham, Presiding

#### **Panelists:**

Elizabeth Shakman Hurd, Northwestern University

Erin Wilson, University of Groningen

Jocelyne Cesari, University of Birmingham

Vincent Lloyd, Villanova University

William T. Cavanaugh, DePaul University

#### **Business Meeting:**

John D. Carlson, Arizona State University, Presiding

Rachel M. Scott, Virginia Tech, Presiding

### **A9-311**

#### **Queer Studies in Religion Unit**

Theme: **Postsecular Queer Theory**

Wednesday, December 9, 4:00 PM-6:00 PM

Melissa E. Sanchez, University of Pennsylvania, Presiding

#### **Panelists:**

Abdulhamit Arvas, University of California, Santa Barbara

Michael Cobb, University of Toronto

Peter Coviello, University of Illinois, Chicago

Janet R. Jakobsen, Barnard College

Linn Tonstad, Yale University

#### **Business Meeting:**

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## AAR Virtual Annual Meeting Program (All times listed in EST (UTC-5))

Rakesh Peter-Dass, Hope College, Presiding  
Linn Tonstad, Yale University, Presiding

### A9-312

#### Women and Religion Unit

Theme: **Women Making Religion: Identity, and Transnational Activism**

Wednesday, December 9, 4:00 PM-6:00 PM

Tamara Lewis, Southern Methodist University, Presiding

- Tracy McEwan,  
*Gen X Catholic Women: Subverting Gendered Norms in the Formation of Catholic Identities*
- Alejandro Escalante, University of North Carolina  
*Madness: Blackness, Women, and Religion*
- Jiangxue Han,  
*Under the Shamanistic-Organizational Core: Women Activities and Social Change in China, from the Southern Song to the Qing*
- Nechama Juni, Brown University  
*The Multiply-Gendered Forms of Orthodox Jewish Women's Ritual Practices*
- Paola Cavaliere, Osaka University, School of Human Sciences  
*Women and Local Faith Communities in Building Disaster Resilience in Japan: The Cases of Sōka Gakkai and GLA*

#### Business Meeting:

K. Christine Pae, Denison University, Presiding

Stephanie May, First Parish in Wayland, Presiding

Wednesday, December 9, 5:30 PM-6:00 PM

### A9-400

#### Quaker Studies Unit

Theme: **Business Meeting:**

Wednesday, December 9, 5:30 PM-6:00 PM

Jon Kershner, Pacific Lutheran University, Presiding

#### Business Meeting:

Jennifer Buck, Azusa Pacific University, Presiding

## AAR Virtual Annual Meeting Program (All times listed in EST (UTC-5))

Thursday, December 10

### A10-101

#### Christian Spirituality Unit

Theme: **Mystical Theology: Emerging Perspectives**

Thursday, December 10, 11:00 AM-1:00 PM

Douglas Christie, Loyola Marymount University, Presiding

#### Panelists:

John Arblaster, KU Leuven

Charlotte Radler, Loyola Marymount University

Rachel Smith, Villanova University

Joanne Maguire, University of North Carolina, Charlotte

#### Responding:

Louise Nelstrop, Oxford University

### A10-102

#### Comparative Approaches to Religion and Violence Unit and Comparative Studies in Religion Unit

Theme: **Saints in Divided Societies**

Thursday, December 10, 11:00 AM-1:00 PM

Aaron Hollander, Graymoor Ecumenical & Interreligious Institute, Presiding

- Connie Gagliardi, University of Toronto  
*The Icon of "Our Lady Who Brings Down Walls": Sacralizing the Israeli Separation Wall with Divine Presence*
- Dean Accardi, Connecticut College  
*Saints of Kashmiri Resistance and Repression*
- Edith Szanto, University of Alabama  
*Sayyida Zaynab: From Dolorosa to Rebel and Back*
- Elizabeth Harris, Liverpool Hope University  
*Prophet of Peace, Priest, and Marginalized Visionary: Yohan Devananda of Sri Lanka*

#### Responding:

Robert A. Orsi, Northwestern University

### A10-103

#### Confucian Traditions Unit

Theme: **God and Confucianism**

Thursday, December 10, 11:00 AM-1:00 PM

Catherine Hudak Klancer, Boston University, Presiding

- Shumo Wang, Harvard Divinity School  
*Seeking God in Confucianism: Luo Rufang's Thought on Shangdi*
- Li Quan, University of Edinburgh  
*Self-Cultivation and Vocation: Mou Zongsan and Karl Barth on the Action of Responsibility*

#### Responding:

As of September 21. All sessions subject to change.



## AAR Virtual Annual Meeting Program (All times listed in EST (UTC-5))

Michael Ing, Indiana University

### A10-104

#### Death, Dying, and Beyond Unit

Theme: **Going Beyond Death in Practice and Storytelling**

Thursday, December 10, 11:00 AM-1:00 PM

Jamie Brummitt, University of North Carolina At Wilmington, Presiding

- Zachariah Buck, University of Oxford  
*Reading Facebook Memorial Pages as Charnel Grounds: Digital Shrines and Vedic Tradition*
- Rachael Ward, Columbia Theological Seminary  
*Living-Death Doula: Midwifing Rebirth from the Ashes of Living-Death as Queer Grief Care*
- Genevieve Nrenzah, University of Ghana  
*Dying, Death and Burial Rituals in Crisis: A Contemporary Analysis of Funerals in Ghana*
- Lucy Bregman, Temple University  
*Is Death the Enemy of God? Cullmann's Challenge and Its Influence*

#### Business Meeting:

Amy Defibaugh, Temple University, Presiding

### A10-115

#### Exploratory Sessions

Theme: **Decolonizing Anglican Studies**

Thursday, December 10, 11:00 AM-1:00 PM

Jennifer Snow,, Presiding

- Sathianathan Clarke, Wesley Theological Seminary  
*Decolonizing Identity Politics in the Anglican Communion: Balancing Multiple Belonging with Resistant Unbelonging*
- Jenny Te Paa Daniel, Ohaki Consultancy  
*Decolonising Anglican Studies: An Indigenous Prescription . . .!*
- Carla Roland, General Theological Seminary  
*Anglicanism Beyond Empire: Expanding Anglican Epistemology to a Multi-Centered/Polycentric Economy of Knowledge that Includes US-Latinx and Latin American Perspectives*

#### Responding:

Esther Mombo, St. Paul's University

#### Business Meeting:

Daniel Joslyn-Siemiatkoski, Seminary of the Southwest, Presiding

### A10-116

#### Exploratory Sessions

Theme: **Religion and Drugs Roundtable: Why?**

Thursday, December 10, 11:00 AM-1:00 PM

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Gary M. Laderman, Emory University, Presiding

**Panelists:**

Hollis Phelps, Mercer University  
Joseph Christian Greer, Harvard University  
Kathryn M. Kueny, Fordham University  
Deepak Sarma, Case Western Reserve University  
Isaac Horwedel, Emory University

### **A10-105**

#### **Indigenous Religious Traditions Unit and Religion and Ecology Unit**

Theme: **Indigenous Ecologies: Trees, Temples, Texts, and Sacred Territory in an Era of Climate Change**

Thursday, December 10, 11:00 AM-1:00 PM

Kimberley Patton, Harvard Divinity School, Harvard University, Presiding

**Panelists:**

Ayodeji Ogunnaike, Bowdoin College  
Michelle Bentsman, Harvard University  
Christina Désert, Emory University  
Kythe Heller, Harvard University  
Munjed Murad, Harvard Divinity School  
Kyras Malika Daniels, Boston College  
Oludamini Ogunnaike, The University of Virginia

### **A10-106**

#### **Law, Religion, and Culture Unit**

Theme: **Illiberal Religion and the Question of Community**

Thursday, December 10, 11:00 AM-1:00 PM

Nadia Marzouki, European University Institute, Presiding

**Panelists:**

Spencer Dew, The Ohio State University / Wittenberg University  
Hillel Gray, Miami University  
Jason C. Bivins, North Carolina State University  
Massimo Faggioli, Villanova University  
Magali Della Sudda, University of Lille / University of Rome  
Heather Miller Rubens, Institute for Islamic, Christian, and Jewish Studies

**Responding:**

Winnifred Sullivan, Indiana University

**Business Meeting:**

Jenna Gray-Hildenbrand, Middle Tennessee State University, Presiding

### **A10-107**

#### **Liberation Theologies Unit and Religions, Social Conflict, and Peace Unit**

Theme: **Religion & Cultural Activism: Disrupting Peace and Pursuing Justice in Palestine/ Israel**

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Thursday, December 10, 11:00 AM-1:00 PM

Santiago H. Slabodsky, Hofstra University, Presiding

### Panelists:

Diane L. Moore, Harvard University

Hilary Rantisi, Harvard Divinity School

Vivien Sansour, Palestine Heirloom Seed Library

Rebecca Pierce, African-American Jewish documentary filmmaker and journalist

Noam Shuster, freelance comedian, performer, peacebuilder and activist

Suhail Khoury, Palestinian musician

### Responding:

Atalia Omer, University of Notre Dame

### Business Meeting:

Ellen Ott Marshall, Emory University, Presiding

### A10-108

#### Middle Eastern Christianity Unit

Theme: **Middle Eastern Christianity and Gender**

Thursday, December 10, 11:00 AM-1:00 PM

Deanna Womack, Emory University, Presiding

- Tracy Russell, Saint Louis University  
*The Bridal Chamber of the Heavenly Bridegroom: Gender and the Metaphor of Betrothal in Syriac Virgin Martyr Texts*
- Monica Mitri, Claremont School of Theology  
*The Female as Anthropological Role Model in Jacob of Serugh*
- Ramy Marcos, Hartford Seminary  
*Women's Conversion and Religious Toleration in Ottoman Islamic Egypt: The Case Study of Fāṭimah of Asyūt*
- Mitri Raheb, Dar al-Kalima University  
*Karimeh Abboud: A Female Arab Christian entrepreneur in British Mandate Palestine*

### A10-109

#### Cultural History of the Study of Religion Unit

Theme: **Thinking American Religious Futures in Landscapes of Production**

Thursday, December 10, 11:00 AM-1:00 PM

Judith Ellen Brunton, University of Toronto, Presiding

- Matthew Smith, Northwestern University  
*The Story of Bakelite: Modern Magicians, Polymer Capitalism and the Origin Myths of the Anthropocene*
- Joanna Smith, University of North Carolina  
*Negative Sacred Slaughter: Prohibition, Transgression and Gendered Limits on the Kill Floor*
- Richard Callahan, Gonzaga University  
*The Civilizing Whale*
- Isaiah Ellis, University of North Carolina

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*Surfacing American Religion: Industrial Expertise and the Religious Erotics of Smooth Surfaces*

**Responding:**

Kristy Nabhan-Warren, University of Iowa

**A10-110**

**Reformed Theology and History Unit**

Theme: **The Doctrine of Total Depravity**

Thursday, December 10, 11:00 AM-1:00 PM

Joshua Ralston, University of Edinburgh, Presiding

- Gregory Lee, Wheaton College  
*Total Depravity and Systemic Evil*
- Taïdo Chino, Augustana College  
*Neither Essential Nor Accidental: Sin in a Relational and Apocalyptic Key*
- Mary Nickel, Princeton University  
*Blessed Assurance: A Theology of Collective Action Problems*
- Wendy Mallette, Yale University  
*Total Depravity, Original Sin, and Pessimism: Revisiting Lesbian Feminist Theorizations of Sex and Sociality*

**Business Meeting:**

Paul T. Nimmo, University of Aberdeen, Presiding

Joshua Ralston, University of Edinburgh, Presiding

**A10-111**

**Religion, Holocaust, and Genocide Unit**

Theme: **The Enduring Legacy of Christian Complicity and Colonial Genocide Narratives**

Thursday, December 10, 11:00 AM-1:00 PM

Benjamin Sax, Institute for Islamic, Christian, and Jewish Studies, Presiding

- Emily Wilday Ricker, University of Hawai'i Mānoa  
*Pilgrims, Plymouth, and Public Memory: A Critical Examination of Contemporary New England Foundation Mythology*
- Lily An Kim, McMaster University  
*Missing and Murdered Esther, Métis 'Queen' of the Munsee: Spiritual Mutism and Colonial Origins in North America*
- David Tollerton, University of Exeter  
*The Religious Challenges of Linking Holocaust Memory with Colonial Violence*

**Business Meeting:**

Kate E. Temoney, Montclair State University, Presiding

**A10-114**

**Religious Reflections on Friendship Seminar**

Theme: **Religious Reflections on Friendship: Round-Table Paper Discussions**

Thursday, December 10, 11:00 AM-1:00 PM

Anne-Marie Ellithorpe, Vancouver School of Theology, Presiding

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## AAR Virtual Annual Meeting Program (All times listed in EST (UTC-5))

- Hussam S. Timani, Christopher Newport University  
*The Shahada: Act of Faith, Act of Friendship*
- John M. Thompson, Christopher Newport University  
*Becoming a Friend to the World: Śāntideva on “Bodhisattva Friendship”*
- Hans Harmakaputra, Boston College  
*Friends of God, Friends of Humans: A Muslim-Christian Comparative Theology Reflection on Sainthood and Friendship*
- Jennifer Fields, University of Cambridge  
*Questioning the Promotion of Friendship in Interfaith Dialogue*
- Joas Adiprasetya, Jakarta Theological Seminary  
*Let the Stranger Stay in the Table of Friends*
- Jeffery D. Long, Elizabethtown College  
*Because You Are My Friend: Inter-Religious Friendship and Religious Pluralism*
- Hans Gustafson, University of St. Thomas  
*Interreligious Friendship for Changemaking and Leadership*
- Adam Tietje, Duke University  
*A Path Through the Hell of War Trauma: Pavel Florensky's Theology of Friendship*
- Sarah Bixler, Princeton Theological Seminary  
*“Musing on Cicero’s Thoughts”: Methodology in Aelred of Rievaulx’s Practical Theology of Spiritual Friendship*
- Karen Bray, Wesleyan College  
Christy Cobb, Wingate University  
*Neither Single nor Coupled, But Friendled: Biblical and Theological Sources for Friendship as Our Central Relationship*
- Dorothy Dean, Berea College  
*Theology, Friendship, and the Human Animal*
- R. Michael Wilcher, University of Cambridge  
*Simone Weil on Friendship: Pythagoreanism, Trinity, and the Practice of Attention*
- Joud Alkorani, University of Toronto  
*“Sisters for the Sake of Allah”: Mediating Friendship Through God*
- Courtney Rabada, Northwestern University  
*Audre Lorde and the Erotic Power of Female Friendships*
- Olivia Bustion, University of Chicago  
*Participation as Plural Agency: An Augustinian Proposal*
- Lynch Chloe, London School of Theology  
*Directed Towards Friendship with Christ: Engaging the Teresian Perspective*
- Laura Duhan-Kaplan,  
*Isaiah’s Vision of the Lion and the Lamb: A Paradigm for Civic Friendship*

### **A10-112**

#### **Roman Catholic Studies Unit**

Theme: **Catholicism in 10 Objects**

Thursday, December 10, 11:00 AM-1:00 PM

Michael Pasquier, Louisiana State University, Presiding

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- Rachel Lindsey, Saint Louis University  
*Billfolds and Wallets*
- Catherine Osborne, University of Notre Dame  
*Catholicism in 10 Objects: A Pilgrimage to See the Holy Father Through the Stereoscope*
- Michael Rogers, University of Toronto  
*Catholicism in 10 Objects: The Pocket Prayers Books of the Children of Mary*
- Dugan McGinley, Rutgers University  
*Catholicism in Objects: Dignity's Book of Intentions*
- Monica Mercado, Colgate University  
*My Graduation: Girlhood in the Collections of Loretto Academy [Catholicism in 10 Objects]*
- Robert Alvis, Saint Meinrad School of Theology  
*The Divine Mercy Image*
- Leonard Norman Primiano, Cabrini University  
*Votives: The Visualized Art of Supernatural Narratives*
- Alexander Darius Ornella,  
*The Easter Food Basket as the Eight Sacrament: A Visual Journey*
- Mary Corley Dunn, Saint Louis University  
*The \*Actes du Très Dévot Frère Didace Pelletier\* as Medium of Real Presence*
- Jeannine Hill Fletcher, Fordham University  
*Rice, Relics and the Blood of Suffering: Material Catholicism in a 19th Century Letter*

### **Responding:**

Hillary Kaell, McGill University

### **Business Meeting:**

John Seitz, Fordham University, Presiding

Michael Pasquier, Louisiana State University, Presiding

### **A10-100**

#### **Status of LGBTIQ Persons in the Profession Committee**

Theme: **Creative Actions in Crises by Experienced Communities**

Thursday, December 10, 11:00 AM-1:00 PM

S.J. Crasnow, Rockhurst University, Presiding

#### **Panelists:**

Rebecca Alpert, Temple University

Robyn Henderson-Espinoza, Activist Theology Project

Roger A. Sneed, Furman University

Adriaan Van Klinken, University of Leeds

### **A10-113**

#### **Womanist Approaches to Religion and Society Unit**

Theme: **"Celebrating 30 Years of Womanist Approaches to Religion and Society: Womanist Retrospective"**

Thursday, December 10, 11:00 AM-1:00 PM

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## AAR Virtual Annual Meeting Program (All times listed in EST (UTC-5))

AnneMarie Mingo, Pennsylvania State University, Presiding

### **Panelists:**

Marcia Y. Riggs, Columbia Theological Seminary

Jacquelyn Grant, Interdenominational Theological Center

Emilie M. Townes, Vanderbilt University

M. Shawn Copeland, Boston College

Diana L. Hayes, Georgetown University

Linda E. Thomas, Lutheran School of Theology, Chicago

Cheryl Townsend Gilkes, Colby College

Renita Weems, Black Religious Scholars Group, Inc

### **Responding:**

Kelly Brown Douglas, Episcopal Divinity School

### **Business Meeting:**

Cheryl Kirk-Duggan, Seminary of the Southwest, Presiding

Melanie Jones, Union Presbyterian Seminary, Presiding

### **A10-201**

#### **Chinese Religions Unit**

Theme: **Religion in Chinese Spaces of Political Conflict and Contestation**

Thursday, December 10, 1:45 PM-3:15 PM

Kelly Hammond, University of Arkansas, Presiding

- Benno Weiner, Carnegie Mellon University  
*From Patriotic Religious Representatives to Wolves in Monks' Robes: Tibetan Buddhism, Islam and the Party on an Ethnocultural Frontier of Early Maoist China*
- Sandrine Catris, Augusta University  
*From Mao to Xi: Religion and Repression in the Uyghur Region*
- H.S. Sum Cheuk Shing, University of Chicago  
*Religion as Resistance: Chinese Religions in the Hong Kong Anti-Extradition Bill Movement*

### **Responding:**

Shawn Arthur, Wake Forest University

### **A10-203**

#### **Comparative Studies in Religion Unit**

Theme: **Implicit and Explicit Comparison in Religious Studies Scholarship: A**

**Collaborative Experiment in the Use of Buddhist Categories**

Thursday, December 10, 1:45 PM-3:15 PM

Christopher Handy, McMaster University, Presiding

### **Panelists:**

Andrew Taylor, University of Virginia

Andrew Wilson, Mount Allison University

Shawna Dolansky, Carleton University

Shankar Nair, University of Virginia

### **Responding:**

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## AAR Virtual Annual Meeting Program (All times listed in EST (UTC-5))

Christopher Jensen, Carleton University

### A10-204

#### History of Christianity Unit and Religion in Premodern Europe and the Mediterranean Unit

Theme: **Race in the Middle Ages**

Thursday, December 10, 1:45 PM-3:15 PM

Minji Lee, Reunion Institute, Presiding

- Kathleen M. Self, Saint Lawrence University  
*Race and Old Norse Mythology*
- Lora Walsh, University of Arkansas  
*White Nun as Black Woman and Other Twelfth-Century Opinions on \*Nigra Sum\* (Song of Songs 1:4)*
- Hartley Lachter, Lehigh University  
*Kabbalah and the Question of Race in the Middle Ages*

#### Business Meeting:

Brian Catlos, University of Colorado, Presiding

David Freidenreich, Colby College, Presiding

### A10-200

#### Journal of the American Academy of Religion (JAAR) Editorial Board Meeting

Thursday, December 10, 1:45 PM-3:15 PM

Andrea Jain, Indiana University-Purdue University, Indianapolis, Presiding

#### Panelists:

Kevin Schilbrack, Appalachian State University

### A10-205

#### Law, Religion, and Culture Unit

#### Theme: **Territorial Peace Beyond the Law: Spiritual Politics and Indigenous Political Theologies in Post-Accord Colombia**

Thursday, December 10, 1:45 PM-3:15 PM

Heather M. DuBois, Stonehill College, Presiding

- Janna Hunter-Bowman, Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary  
*Peace Through Participation in Struggle: Enhancing Post-Accord Peacebuilding Through Linking Stakeholders to Peace Accord Stipulations*
- Diego Caguenas Rozo, Universidad Icesi  
*Forgiveness, Justice and the Damage Done: On the Metaphysics of the Face*
- Carlos Manrique, Universidad de los Andes  
*Peace-Building in the Midst of Horror and the Practices of "Theocratic Pluralism"*

#### Responding:

Rebecca Bartel, San Diego State University

### A10-206

As of September 21. All sessions subject to change.



## AAR Virtual Annual Meeting Program (All times listed in EST (UTC-5))

### **Pragmatism and Empiricism in American Religious Thought Unit**

Theme: **Martin Luther King, Pragmatism, and Transcendentalism**

Thursday, December 10, 1:45 PM-3:15 PM

Karen Rucks, Quinsigamond Community College, Presiding

- Andrew Stone Porter, Vanderbilt University  
*Experiments with Non/Violence: King's Stride Toward Pragmatism*
- Jeremy Sorgen, University of Virginia  
*The Pragmatic King: The Anatomy of Nonviolent Transformation*
- Russell Johnson, University of Chicago  
*Transcendental Empiricism: Martin Luther King and the World Behind the World*
- Joe Pettit, Morgan State University  
*Transcendental Pragmatism: The Case for Necessary and Pragmatic Truth*

### **Business Meeting:**

Karen Rucks, Quinsigamond Community College, Presiding

### **A10-207**

#### **Religion and Cities Unit**

Theme: **Contagion, Religion, and Cities**

Thursday, December 10, 1:45 PM-3:15 PM

Harold Morales, Morgan State University, Presiding

#### **Panelists:**

Jennifer Scheper Hughes, University of California, Riverside  
Wende Marshall,  
Amanda Furiasse, Hamline University  
Katherine Marshall, Georgetown University  
Rima Vesely-Flad, Warren Wilson College

### **A10-208**

#### **Religion, Colonialism, and Postcolonialism Unit**

Theme: **Postcolonial Perspectives on Religion in China, South Asia, and the Americas**

Thursday, December 10, 1:45 PM-3:15 PM

Syed Adnan Hussain, Saint Mary's University, Halifax, Presiding

- Kathy Chow, Yale University  
*The Invention of Religion in China*
- Rebecca Faulkner, Princeton University  
*Colonialism and Caliphate*
- Heather Burrow, Claremont Graduate University  
*Conquistadors, Colonialism, and Christianity: From Church and Empire to States*

### **A10-209**

#### **Religions in the Latina/o Americas Unit**

Theme: **Religious Change and Persistence: Contested Narratives of Spiritual Identity**

Thursday, December 10, 1:45 PM-3:15 PM

Jessica Delgado, The Ohio State University, Presiding

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## AAR Virtual Annual Meeting Program (All times listed in EST (UTC-5))

- Lynn Hillberg Jencks, Santa Clara University  
*From \_Machismo\_ to Moderation: The Transforming Effects of Latinx Immigrant Male Conversion to Charismatic Catholicism*
- Josefrayn Sanchez-Perry, University of Texas  
*Incense and Performance: Teaching Ritual Labor in the Nahua World*
- Michael Rogers, University of Toronto  
*The Sun, The Moon, and the Other Stars: Polycentrism as Ecumenical Mission on the Altiplano.*
- Daniel Nourry, University of Texas at Austin  
*The Three Child Martyrs of Tlaxcala: Tracing the Ways in Which the Indigenous Escapes the Logic of Catholic Martyrdom and the Cult of the Saints*
- Yanitsa I Buendia De Llaca, UC-Santa Barbara  
*The Women of the Mexicayotl. Retelling a History Through Gendered Disruptions*

### A10-202

#### Student Lounge Roundtable

Theme: **Mellon, Fulbright, NSF, Oh My! Preparing Successful Proposals in the Intimidating World of Multi-Disciplinary Research Grants**

Thursday, December 10, 1:45 PM-3:15 PM

Aarti Patel, Syracuse University, Presiding

#### Panelists:

Emily Stratton, Indiana University

### A10-210

#### Study of Judaism Unit

Theme: **Re-Engendering the Norms of Caregiving, Parenting, Reproduction and Ritual**

Thursday, December 10, 1:45 PM-3:15 PM

Sarah Imhoff, Indiana University, Presiding

- Lindsey Jackson, Concordia University  
*Brit Without Milah: Remixing the Dominant Ritual System*
- Justin Jaron Lewis, University of Manitoba  
*Inevitable, Vulnerable Fatherhood in a Patriarchal Myth*
- Avishalom Westreich, College of Law and Business, Ramat Gan  
*Jewish Religious Identity, Gender, and Politics: The Challenge of Surrogacy and Egg Donation*
- Steven Kaplin, Indiana University  
*Judaism is Dead, Long Live Judaism: A Jewish Feminist Logic of Infinite Judaism*

### A10-211

#### Traditions of Eastern Late Antiquity Unit

Theme: **Intercultural Exchanges and the Religions of the Late Antique East**

Thursday, December 10, 1:45 PM-3:15 PM

Sigrid Kjaer,, Presiding

- Joseph Wilson, Sacred Heart University

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*A Mirror on the Threshold of East and West: Buddhist and Christian Sculpture in Hellenistic Late Antiquity*

- Nicolo Sassi, Indiana University, Bloomington  
*The Forgotten History of Origenism in Medieval Syria*
- Mourad Takawi, University of the Incarnate Word  
*The Many Lives of Hind bint al-Nu'mān al-Kindiyah: 'Abbāsīd Narrations of Late Antique Muslim-Christian Encounters*
- John Zaleski, New York University Abu Dhabi  
*"My Mercy Encompasses Every Thing": Christian and Islamic Views on the Universal Scope of Salvation in Tenth-Century Iraq*

### **Responding:**

Shulamit Shinnar, Jewish Theological Seminary of America

### **Business Meeting:**

Jason Mokhtarian, Indiana University, Bloomington, Presiding

Sara Ronis, St. Mary's University, Texas, Presiding

### **A10-301**

#### **Comparative Religious Ethics Unit**

Theme: **The Ethical Implications of Artificial Intelligence**

Thursday, December 10, 4:00 PM-5:30 PM

Jung Lee, Northeastern University, Presiding

- Irene Ludji, Claremont Graduate University  
*The Acting Person and Artificial Intelligence Technology: Reviewing the Ethical Implications of AI on Humanity*
- Frank Bosman, Tilburg University  
*Disobedience as an Ethical-Anthropological Criterium*
- Justin Hawkins, Yale University  
*What Was Not Assumed Was Not Healed: A Christological and Soteriological Warning About Transhumanism*

### **Business Meeting:**

Jonathan K. Crane, Emory University, Presiding

### **A10-302**

#### **Contemporary Islam Unit**

Theme: **Representing and Surveilling Modern Muslims**

Thursday, December 10, 4:00 PM-5:30 PM

Zareena Grewal, Yale University, Presiding

- Kathleen Foody, College of Charleston  
*The World of Islam*
- Ehsan Sheikholharam, The University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill  
*Making Space for Muslims: Aesthetics in the Age of Forced Assimilation*
- Mohamad Jarada, University of California, Berkeley  
*Securing the Mosque: On the Logic of Fortification and Risk after Hate Violence*
- Johnathan Norris, Boston University

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*Fear, Politics, and the Holy Spirit: Islamophobic Discourses in Charismatic News Media*

- Sam Houston, Stetson University  
*"It Is Because of Our Islam That We Are Here": Community Organizing, Civic Virtue, and the South African Muslim Struggle Against Apartheid*

### **A10-303**

#### **Evangelical Studies Unit**

Theme: **Critical Engagement with Robert Chao-Romero's "Brown Church"**

Thursday, December 10, 4:00 PM-5:30 PM

Kristen Deede Johnson, Hope College, Presiding

#### **Panelists:**

Russell Jeung, San Francisco State University

Jonathan Calvillo, Boston University

Jennifer Scheper Hughes, University of California, Riverside

Peter Heltzel, New York Theological Seminary

Ruth Padilla DeBorst, Fraternidad Teológica Latinoamericana

#### **Responding:**

Robert Chao Romero, Matthew 25 Movement

### **A10-305**

#### **History of Christianity Unit**

Theme: **The 1619 Project**

Thursday, December 10, 4:00 PM-5:30 PM

Alisha L. Jones, Indiana University, Presiding

#### **Panelists:**

Amy Burris, M. Div., Wake Forest University School of Divinity

Constance Furey, Indiana University Bloomington

Terrence Johnson, Georgetown University

Dana Logan, University of North Carolina, Greensboro

### **A10-306**

#### **Japanese Religions Unit**

Theme: **Examining the Scholarly Guilds of Shingon Buddhism in Medieval Japan**

Thursday, December 10, 4:00 PM-5:30 PM

Takashi Miura, University of Arizona, Presiding

- Aaron Proffitt, State University of New York, Albany  
*Death on the Mantra Path*
- Elizabeth Noelle Tinsley, UC Irvine  
*Henmyō'in's Lost Altar: Shingon Debate Culture and Scholar Monks of Kōyasan*
- Eric Swanson, Loyola Marymount University  
*The Construction of Esoteric Buddhist Identities Through Commentaries on Mahāyāna Faith*
- Takahiko Kameyama, Ryukoku University

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*The Secret Views on Cosmos in Medieval Shingon Buddhism: The Significance of the Shingon Doctrinal Debate "Is Our Dharma Realm Completely Unified or Multiple?"*

**Responding:**

Asuka Sango, Carleton College

**A10-307**

**Open and Relational Theologies Unit**

Theme: **Book Panel: The Future of Open Theism (IVP Academic, 2020)**

Thursday, December 10, 4:00 PM-5:30 PM

Wm. Andrew Schwartz, Claremont School of Theology, Presiding

**Panelists:**

Thomas Oord, Center for Open and Relational Theology

Bethany Sollereeder, University of Oxford

David Basinger, Roberts Wesleyan College

Anna Case-Winters, McCormick Theological Seminary

**Responding:**

Richard Rice, Loma Linda University

**A10-308**

**Political Theology Unit**

Theme: **Political Theology and the Pandemic**

Thursday, December 10, 4:00 PM-5:30 PM

David Newheiser, Australian Catholic University, Presiding

**Panelists:**

Stephanie Mota Thurston,

Karen Bray, Wesleyan College

Kyle Lambelet, Emory University

Olaoluwatoni Alimi, Princeton University

Nomaan Hasan, Brown University

**A10-309**

**Religion and Human Rights Unit and Religion and Migration Unit**

Theme: **Immigration, Human Rights, Sexual and Reproductive Justice**

Thursday, December 10, 4:00 PM-5:30 PM

Laura Alexander, University of Nebraska, Omaha, Presiding

- I Sil Yoon, Graduate Theological Union  
*The Value of Christian Hospitality and Solidarity with Strangers for Human Rights Protections of North Korean Trafficked Women in China*
- Margaret D. Kamitsuka, Oberlin College  
*Immigration, Human Rights, and Reproductive Justice: How to be Hospitable at the Border in an Age of Trump*
- Michael Woolf, Harvard University  
*Two Different Ways of Thinking: Human Rights Discourse Amongst Recipients and Activists in the Sanctuary Movement of the 1980s*

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## AAR Virtual Annual Meeting Program (All times listed in EST (UTC-5))

### **A10-310**

#### **Religion and Public Schools: International Perspectives Unit**

Theme: **Religion Education and Distance Learning: Impacts, Challenges, and Opportunities**

Thursday, December 10, 4:00 PM-5:30 PM

Jenny Berglund, Stockholm University, Presiding

#### **Panelists:**

Gregory Soden, Battle High School

Audun Toft, University of South-Eastern Norway

#### **Business Meeting:**

Jenny Berglund, Stockholm University, Presiding

### **A10-300**

#### **Student Lounge Roundtable**

Theme: **The Pedagogy of Podcasting with Weird Religion: A Podcast for People Who Know Religion is Weird but Love It Anyway**

Thursday, December 10, 4:00 PM-5:30 PM

Aarti Patel, Syracuse University, Presiding

#### **Panelists:**

Leah Payne, George Fox University

Brian Doak, George Fox University

### **A10-313**

#### **Study of Judaism Unit**

Theme: **Beyond "Judaism Week": Jewish Sources for the Religious Studies Classroom**

Thursday, December 10, 4:00 PM-5:30 PM

Shari Rabin, Oberlin College, Presiding

#### **Panelists:**

Naftali Cohn, Concordia University, Montreal

Samuel Brody, University of Kansas

Krista Dalton, Kenyon College

Jennifer Caplan, Towson University

Elias Sacks, University of Colorado

S.J. Crasnow, Rockhurst University

Andre Key, Claflin University

### **A10-312**

#### **Tibetan and Himalayan Religions Unit**

Theme: **Interspecies Relations in Tibet and the Himalayas**

Thursday, December 10, 4:00 PM-5:30 PM

Eric D. Mortensen, Guilford College, Presiding

- Brandon Dotson, Georgetown University

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*Becoming the Goddess's Livestock or Stealing Her Livestock: Hospitality and Bestial/ Divine Crossings in Tibetan Oracular Gambling*

- Amelia Hall, Naropa University  
*A Grimoire for the Anthropocene: \*Klu 'bum\* as a Guide to Interspecies Reciprocity in the Eastern Himalayas*
- Rachel Pang, Davidson College  
*"\*Rimé\*" Revisited: Shabkar's (1781-1851) Trans-Species Interactions*
- Chiara Letizia, Université du Québec à Montréal  
*On the Relation Between Humans and Non-Humans in the Context of Judicial Activism Challenging Animal Sacrifice in Nepal*

### A10-304

#### Hindu Philosophy Unit

Theme: **Ways of Knowing (II): New Approaches**

Thursday, December 10, 4:00 PM-6:00 PM

Loriliai Biernacki, University of Colorado, Presiding

- Aleksandar Uskokov, Yale University  
*Making Sense of Religious Experience: Jīva Gosvāmin and "Learned Perception"*
- James Reich, Pace University  
*The Gem and the Jeweler: The History of a Stock Example*
- Aalekhya Malladi, Emory University  
*The Trouble with Māya: Philosophical Considerations in a Telugu Poetess' Folk Drama*

#### Business Meeting:

Michael Allen, University of Virginia, Presiding

Parimal G. Patil, Harvard University, Presiding

### A10-311

#### Science, Technology, and Religion Unit

Theme: **Science and Secularism**

Thursday, December 10, 4:00 PM-6:00 PM

Heather Mellquist Lehto, University of Toronto, Presiding

- Emma Rifai, The University of Iowa  
*DNA Dieting: Genetic Testing, Nutrigenetics, and American Secularism*
- Joseph Fisher, 1991  
*Moral Bioenhancement and/as Secularization*
- Ryan Juskus, Duke University  
*Science for Secularism or Secularity?: Examining the Relations Between Science, Politics, and Religion in a Citizen Science Project in the Appalachian Coalfields*

#### Business Meeting:

Greg Cootsona, California State University, Chico, Presiding

Josh Reeves, Samford University, Presiding

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